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### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LATE ELECTIONS

THE November elections have made a great change in the political outlook.

The more their results are studied the more they will be found to abound in algolificance and surprises. Without atsignificance and surprises. Without attempting to go over the whole field, let us look at a few special features which seem to indicate new conditions of public senti-ment and to show the lines on which the Presidential election of next year is to be contested.

After the Ohlo election in October there was, probably, not an intelligent Republi-can in New York who had the smallest hope of the success of a single candidate upon the State ticket of his party. The whole canvass, if there was any canvass, appeared to favor the Democrate to such an extent that there seemed to be no open question save one of majorities. Senator John Sherman, when in New York a few weeks since, was asked what he thought of the Republican campaign. "I did not know there was any Republican campaign," he replied. Thousands of voters were in the me doubt. They saw and heard nothing to indicate that a contest was in progress. Yet General Carr, the head of the Republican State ticket, is re-elected by a fair majority, while all the rest of the Democratic ticket is successful. Plainly General Carr goes in upon his personal merit and record. Enough Democrats were impressed with a conviction that he was a better man for the office of Secretary of State than their own nomines, to turn the scale in his favor. The independent voter is now found in the Democratic as well as the Republican ranks.

Take Brooklyn for another example.

The city is Democratic on national issues by about 8,000 majority. Yet Seth Low, the Republican candidate for Mayor, is again victorious. Two years ago he had in his favor the fresh impetus of the Young Republican Club movement and the general disgust of property-holders with the old city ring. This year people had partly forgotten the doings of the ousted ring, and he had a dead pull to make against the Democratic effort to convert the canvass into a purely partisan struggle. Besides, a taking appeal was made to the laboring classes to support a party which would tax the rich and spend the money in making "improvements" and giving em-ployment to the poor. In spite of all this there were enough independent Democratic voters in Brooklyn to re elect an honest business-like Republican Mayor who had served the city faithfully and reformed many abuses.

Let us glance now at Massachusetts. year ago General Butler was floated into the Governorship on a wave of diseatisfac-tion with Republican administration. He had behind him, in addition to the partisan Democratic vote, all the floating elements of a State always rich in factions and "movements." Every man who had a "movements." Every man who had a crotchet or a grievance voted for Butler. The industrial discontent and communistic tendencies of the numerous factory towns and the great cities was another powerful aid to his success. He has spent a year in attempting to drill and inspire his incongruous forces so that he could win another victory with them. Now he is beaten by the sober second thought of the old Com-monwealth, which finds that he represents nothing that is healthful, patriotic or really progressive. The campaign was against the man himself rather than against the party which nominated him.

The lesson of the November elections may, we think, be read in this way: Intelligent voters are tired of old, warmed-over issues and of the platitudes and rubbish printed in the party journals. They look now to the personality of the candidates. It is a good sign. Exit the dead issue, enter the live man. Let the worn out questions of the past rest in peace. Until new issues take definite-shape thousands of good citizens will care nothing for party names and cries, but will quietly vote for the best man. There appears to be no sort of prospect of a contest over well-defined public questions next year. Neither the Republicane nor the Democrats are pre-pared to make a fight in behalf of any plain policy of legislation and administration at Washington. Whether it be the revenue system, the tariff, the banking system, internal improvements, foreign policy, the control of corporations, civil service reform, or any other topic big enough to be national, the same muddle of indecision and antagonisms within the party exists in both the Republican and Democratic organiza-

In this condition of affairs the Presidential campaign of 1884 is likely to turn largely upon the merits and popularity of

the candidates themselves. Principles will on the assessment plan. This means that not be overlooked, but the party which upon the death of a member all the surviv not be overlooked, but the party which nominates the better man will have the better chance to win. Neither eide will believe that the country is in serious dan ger if the other carries the election. Of course there will be a deal of noise and shouting as usual, and political leaders will try hard to arouse the old party feeling, but there is little probability that they will succeed. The result will be decided by the rotes of sensible, level headed people for whom partisan appeals have no charm, and whose supreme and only desire is to secure cleanly, honest and efficient government. The party leaders will do well to recognize this tendency of the public thought. square their policy in accordance with its obvious demands—bringing to the front at once their strongest and worthiest men.

# POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

THE fact that our Government has re cently requested information of the Canadian authorities with reference to the workings of the post-office savings banks in that country seems to imply that the former is considering seriously the ques-tion of establishing similar institutions here. The wonder is that this has not been done long ago. The many failures of savings banks all over the country, by which millions of the hard earnings of the poor have been swallowed up, should have furnished the Government a sufficient motive for the adoption of measures for the protection of this class against the rapacity of official thieves. A recent failure, in which men and women, old and almost helpless, lost the earnings of a lifetime, is one of the saddest illustrations of the operation of a system which the public has had only too much reason to regard as a legalized robbery. The legal precautions against the perpetration of such wrongs upon depositors in savings banks are not of a character to give people any degree of security for their money; on the contrary, the laws are so full of loopholes for the escape of the offenders, that it is but seldom they can be punished.

That the establishment of post office say ings banks would increase the labor and cost of the Post Office Department is no argument against the adoption of such a The post-office service exists for system. the good of the public, and the incalculable benefits which would accrue from the absolute security guaranteed by Government savings banks would compensate a hundredfuld for any incidental loss that might at first result from this widening of the

But it is by no means certain that the system, if adopted, would in the long run result in loss to the service. The experience of the Capadian Government has been that the use of the funds placed in its hands for safe keeping has more than compen-sated it for the labor involved, and this while allowing four per cent. interest upon all deposits. Deposits in Canadían postoffice eavings banks may be made in sums as small as ten cents and as high as \$200, the latter amount being the maximum allowed to be attained by ordinary deposits. If, however, depositors desire to become Government creditors in a larger sum, they are allowed to become so. Deposits in these banks cannot be withdrawn until one month after the date of deposit, interest being allowed for the time the money has held by the Post Office Department.

The popularity of these institutions in the Dominion may be seen from the Gov-ernment statement. In the year 1879 there was an increase in the deposits over the year preceding amounting to \$710,670; in 1880 an increase of \$1,845,273; in 1881 an increase of \$4,783,716; in 1882 an increase of \$5,931,989, and last year the increase in the amount of deposits over that of 1878 amounted to about \$8,000,000, making an increase of over \$20,000,000 in such deposits in five years.

The security with which clerks, artisans and others in Canada can add to their savings, and the knowledge that there is no possibility of loss, has had a wonderful effect in developing habits of industry, and in cultivating the idea of possession, which, Herbert Spencer states, is one of the distinctive characteristics of the civilized man, in contradistinction to

That such a system introduced into the United States would be a great public benefit, there is no reason to doubt, and the present Administration would not decrease its chances of a continuance in power should it inaugurate a scheme that would deserve the grateful recognition of the people.

# "CO-OPERATIVE" LIFE INSURANCE.

CO-OPERATIVE" is the title usually, but incorrectly, given to the kind of U but incorrectly, given to the kind of life insurance association which has become so popular within the past few years. The designation lacks accuracy, inasmuch as all life insurance companies are essentially co-operative, the peculiarity of the new societies being that they are worked

ing members are assessed an amount sufficient to pay the amount of the policy, and no provision is made for a reserve to offset the increased chance of death as the members grow older.

This definition at once betrays the weak point of the new eystem. As a man advances in life his chances of dying increase, and the cost of his insurance increases pro portionally. As a society grows older more members die each year, and the assessments in time also grow so large that sur-viving members become dissatisfied and drop out. At this point in a society's existence it is never very far from extinction. The theory of the advocates of the system is that the steady infusion of new members will keep the assessments down to a very moderate amount, but, unfortunately, this does not prove true in practice. It is always cheaper for a young person to join an entirely new society, working on the purely assessment plan, than one which has been operating for some years; and the consequent natural tendency towards new societies is certain to destroy nearly all the old ones. An illustration of what may be expected from a society of this kind under very favorable conditions, is afforded in the case of one at Elmira, N. Y., which enjoye the dietinction of having been managed successfully for fourteen years. During the first two years the amount of the assessments per year for each \$1,000 of insurance was \$6.50; in the next four years it was \$10.75, and it continued to increase until, in 1882, it was \$19. charge did not include the expenses of management. During the first ten years the association increased rapidly in numbers, but there has been a serious falling

Unquestionably the co-operative, or assessment, societies have a great advantage over the regular companies in the low rate at which they can offer life insurance at the start. The old companies have fol-lowed the practice of charging a uniform premium payable during a series of years or for life, and, in order to accumulate a reserve to provide for the increased risk of death with advancing age, they have neces-early charged higher rates than do the societies in their first years. Therefore, if the insurer merely looks upon his payments as insuring him for the timebeing, he is safe enough as a member of an honestly managed association, so long as it is in good condition. But it is manifest that these conditions do not satisfy that demand for permanence and safety which most people expect in so important a matter as life insurance.

Of course, these remarks do not apply to the multitude of mushroom societies which have sprung up throughout the country under the manipulation of unprincipled men, for they are dying off by the hundred, either at the hands of the law or from na-tural decline. But even of so well established an organization as the Legion of Honor, Actuary Harvey, of the Missouri Insurance Department (being himself a member), says: "Our insurance is cheap, and, regarding it as it really is, temporary ineuranca from the date of one assessment to thirty days after the date of the next, there is every reason to encourage the growth of the Legion by the admission of young lives, provided, however, that the older members will adhere to the promises made by them that they will continue to pay assessments and retain their member-ship when the death-roll crawls up to the table rate, and demands for \$2,000 drafts become more numerous. This is like every other co-operative association, dependent wholly on good faith." But many of the new societies have not had even the sanction of a promise of the members as a guarantee of permanence.

On the other hand, neither do our strictures apply to those organizations, of which there are some in existence or springing up, in which full provision is made for a reserve by means of assessments calculated on a scientific basis.

# BUTLER-EXIT.

SINCE that brutal sensationalist Napo-D leon turned religion out of the Cologne Cathedral and used it as a hay-loft and stable for his cavalry horses, there has been no more grotesque exhibition on earth than the occupation of the Executive chair of Massachusetts by Benjamin F. Butler. It recalls that dismal day of degradation when the imperial hall of Venice became a rookery and foul birds roosted on the

This could not continue in a State like Massachusetts; so, in the election of last week, Butler was overthrown by a majority which, if not as large as it should have been into one or two hundred thousand, is large enough to secure the result and give much gratification to clean and reputable men in all parties. A good many thought-less young Republicans acknowledged that they voted for Butler, the first time, "just to see what deviltry he'd be up to,

horse to be Consul just to see how he There is no doubt would .108 Butler is indebted to this morbid curiosity for a large number of the votes cast for him this year. But such an adminis-tration as Butler's has been sufficient to satisfy most of these seekers after sensation; it has been a superb specimen of demagogueism. For a whole year, now, Massachusetts has seemed like a dis-crowned outcast among the States, wandering, pitiful, ludierous and absurd, like King Robert of Sicily, whom, for too great self conceit, the angel drove from his throne and doomed for a year to wear around the court the cap and bells of a clown, "and on his shoulder crouched a grinning ape." Such a horrible nightmare could not last. and by the election of Robinson, Massa chusetts flings from her the vulgarian and comes back to her splendid inheritance.

#### A GROWING MARITIME INDUSTRY.

IT is only within a few years that New Yorkers have grown into the habit of going down the bay in small steam craft to take off from incoming ocean steamships particularly favored friends or personage of prominence, or to wave a last farewell to those outward bound. Such a custom has its pleasant features, beyond question, which commend themselves alike to the recipients of such attentions and to those who pay them. Quite another thing, how-ever, is the kind of aquatic advertising performed by enterprising theatrical and operatic managers, on the arrival of some new star or some famous prima donna. These vulgar exhibitions have their amusing elde, not only in the variety of people so received - from Oscar Wilde to Lord Chief - Justice Coleridge, and from Mrs. Langtry to Adelina Patti — but in the methods, manuers, nichaps and miseries connected therewith. It is not enough that the person who i as crossed, or is about to cross, the ocean shall have been, or is about to be, a victim of the horrors of mal de mer; the crowd that receives, or sends off, as the case may be, almost invariably succeeds in superinducing an illness quite as genuine, if less extended, than that of the object of its attention. Sometimes this illness is caused by the genuine effects of rough water; offerer it is the result of too liberal a supply of other liquids. Partly to the excess of the one or the other is due the colossal asininity which characterizes the questions of the unhapty reporter who has gone down to meet and assist in advertising the incoming actor. singer or professional beauty. The interviewer is as important a part of the programme as the tug itself-each is expected to do the largest possible amount of suffing. An example of the building interviewer's efforts was furnished in the case of the reporter of an esteemed evening contem porary who asked Mrs. Langtry in all seriousness, "What are your impressions of America?" as that lady came on deck in the gray dawn, rubbing open her eyes, and vainly trying to catch her first glimpse of the shores of the New World through the gloom and the fog. No one could say that the tug and the interviewer did not do their part in welcoming the "Jersey Lily" to America. Sometimes, also, the combined loss of sleep, mixture of liquids, and generally broken-up condition of the manager and his friends, are responsible for grotesque results, as when the boat which went to meet Sara Bernhardt ran up the German colors to greet that phenomenal outgrowth of Parisian civilization.

Scarcely less amusing is the confretemps when the best laid plans of men and managers fail to take them to sea in time to meet those whom they desire thus to honor with their expensive advertising. Manager Abbey, who has become an expert in the fine art of such advertising, and who has done more than any one else to develop it to its present porportions, has in turn met down the bay and advertised the Bernhardt, the Langtry, Henry Irving and Christine Nilsson, not to mention no end of lesser lights. Not to be outdone by his rival of the Metropolitan Opera House in giving prominence to the return of Mme. Nilsson, Manager Mapleson, of the Academy of Music, determined on a regular naval event on the arrival of Mme. Patti. To this end a steamer was chartered as flag-ship, and a fleet of tug-boats - a score or more - all to steam down the bay when the steamship bringing the peerless canta-trice should be sighted. Unfortunately, there is not the most certain of telegraphic communication between Fire Island and this city, and when Commodore Mapleson was ready to sail with his advertising armada it was only to discover, to his chagrin—too deep for expression in the most explosive words of his polyglot voca-bulary—that Mme. Patti was already ashore and comfortably eneconced in her The commodore's chagrin was only exceeded by the mortification of the prima donna herself, for what are the plaudits and money of two centicents compared with a naval review in one's honor? as the Emperor Caligula promoted his Indeed, if this thing goes on, a clause in

the contracts impressarios will bereafter make with their prime donne will expressly stipulate the number of ships which shall compose the reception fleet. And with this idea in view, there is a possible solution for Uncle Sam as to how the navy of the United States may be profitably utilized.

#### THE TAX ON BANKS.

IT would seem, in view of the large surplus in the Treasury, that steps should be taken to reduce the revenue of the Government. It is needless to say that such a heavy surplus is an undue temptation to corruptionists of both parties, and may become a serious evil. But if any reduction is made, the body of the tariff should not be disturbed. A constant meddling with tariff laws paralyzes trade and is seldom productive of compensating results. Some modifications in the internal revenue taxes might be made without detriment to the mass of the commercial community, and it is certain that the discussion of such a measure would not have the balcful effect which would attend an agitation for tariff revision. At all events, it would seem clear that the tax on bank-note circulation should be reduced, if not abolished. This, so far from being inimical to the commercial interests of the country, would be precisely the reverse. The tax referred to is now one per cent, per annum, which is so high that national banks are constantly withdrawing their circulation and becoming State banks, for the reason that there is little or no profit on the currency issues based on the bonds which they deposit at Washington. This defection from the national banking system is becoming serious, according to the reports of the Currency, and the withdrawal of notes from circulation which is constantly going on as an inevitable consequence must, in time, as Mr. Knox points out, cause a material contraction of the currency. This must be stopped, and the only way to stop it is to reduce the tax on the circulation of the national banks to a rate that will insure a fair profit to the institution issuing the notes.

In other words, we must preserve the present admirable system of national banking until we can devise something better to succeed it. We are liquidating our Federal debt so fast that the national banking system, based as it is on that debt, cannot be maintained many years longer unless the general suggestions of the high financial authorities already mentioned be acted upon, to the end that the Federal revenue be reduced, and complications of a perplexing nature thus happily avoided.

# ECHOES FROM ABROAD.

W HEN the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador, showed that his course of action in Paris had been entirely in harmony with his Government at home, it became evident that the "timely" dispatch of M. Tricou to Premier Ferry, making a contrary representation, had been a mis-statement, or worse. This was rather an awkward position for the French Foreign Office. According to a late dispatch, however, the blame is thrown upon an interpreter, who rendered a statement that Li-Hung-Chang disapproved of the Marquis Tseng's proceedings as a "disavowal" thereof. The note received by the Marquis, formally approving his course in the Tonquin affair, is said to allude to an unsuccessful effort made by a Power friendly to France—supposed to be the United States—to mediate between the two countries. Meanwhile, Admiral Peyron, Minister of Marine, has presented a Bill in the Chamber of Deputies providing for a supplementary grant of 11,500,000 francs for military operations in Tonquin. French reinforcements are arriving at Hai-Phong, from which point offensive operations are expected to be commenced about the 21st instant. China will then be compelled to show her hand, and France will decide upon a definite course of action. In anticipation of hostilities, the Marquis Tseng thinks it prudent to leave his family at Folkestone, and conduct negotiations with France from England.

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Spain and France have settled the Alfonso controversy, and now there are indications of a new sensation in the proposed visit of the Crown-Princo Frederick William of Germany to Spain. It is believed that in such a visit Frenchmen would perceive a fresh cause of irritation.

The massing of Cossacks on the frontier, and the sudden movement of other large bodies of troops in Russia, has caused distrust in Germany, and the Cabinet is said to be considering the advisability of preparing and forwarding to the Russian Government a note demanding an explanation.

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The disorders in Servia continue. Four thousand troops have been sent to Crna Reka, where the armed rebels occupy a strong position. General Nicolie has captured Calanat, a chief position of the insurgents, taking 100 prisoners. Eighteen members of the Radical Committee in Belgrade have been arrested by the authorities. It is rumored that King Luis of Portugal, weary of the Liberal agitations in his kingdom, thinks of abdicating the throne. In Siberia great disorders have occurred in the penal colonies, owing to official corruption. A large number of exiles made an attempt to escape, but nearly all were recontracted.

captured.

John Bright, thinking possibly that the English celebrity business is being somewhat overdone here at present, disclaims any intention of visiting America this Winter. It is said that the Government will probably introduce at the next session of Parliament a Household Suffrage Bill, which shall apply to both town and country in all parts of Great Pritian and Ireland alike. A Bill for the redistribution of seats in the House of Commons

will probably follow the above measure. Féto-loving Paris celebrated the unvailing of Doré's statue of Alexandre Dumas, the elder, in the Place Malesherbes, on the 4th instant. Messrs. Edmond About, Jules Claretie and others made brilliant thirty-minute speeches, and vast crowds admired the debonair grace of the statue, representing the great romance-writer at work in shirt-sleeves and stocking-feet. In London, on the 8th instant, the Lord Mayor's show was more than usually brilliant. At the banquet, Mr. Gladstone made a significant speech, in which he said the relations of England and France were entirely friendly, and added that all the Great Powers of Europe had declared their attachment for the cause of peace. With regard to Ireland he said: "There is much to be done, much to be desired, much to be lamented, but there is also much to be hoped for. Peace and order must be firmly maintained."

There was a prayer meeting at Nugent's Saw-mill, Rapides Parish, La., on the evening of the 5th. "One of the Lacroix brothers was praying, and the next morning he accused one of the Willbanks brothers with crying 'Amen' out of place," says the telegraph. A scrimmage ensued in which knives and sticks were used and five persons were badly hurt. This shows that there should be a law compelling all who carry knives, hooks and bludgeons, to use a prescribed form of prayer and response, so that no such provocation will be likely to be given to a sensitive suppliant.

To Mr. Abbey has been awarded the honor of furnishing the Cincinnati opera festival this Winter, and now it is announced that a bit of playful grotesquerie has been planned by the Frohman Brothers, managers of the Madison Square Theatre, in the form of a "grand negro minstrel festival" the preceding week, at which there will be 500 performers! George Ward Nichols, the manager of the opera festival, is esthetically angry, but the Frohmans insist that the black will form a "aplendid background" for the white, and that their music will prepare the Cincinnati mind for Verdi, Mendelssohn and Wagner!

ACCORDING to the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the aggregate reductions of internal taxation will be probably \$43,000,000 per annum, but owing to the increase in the revenue from distilled spirits, the total receipts during the current fiscal year will be not less than \$120,000,000, against \$144,500,000 in the last fiscal year. The executive order of June 25th last directing the consolidation of collection districts has been carried into effect, reducing the number of collectors and districts from 126 to 83, and saving about \$125,000 a year to the Government.

Great men in this country have numble beginnings, like Lincoln, Grant and Garfield. A young German, known simply as "Alfred," had made his auspicious beginning as a direshoveler out on the Illinois Central Railroad, with a fine chance to make somebody of himself, when he was betrayed by an acquaintance as Alfred, Count of Salm, the eldest son of Frederic, Prince of Salm, one of the wealthiest of the German nobles. He has been induced to go home, wed the untitled fraulein for whose sake he ran away, and settle down on the old place. Another good chance to achieve greatness lost. That's the last of him. Instead of winning renown in America, he will henceforth be merely a German count, or possibly prince, with no hope of anything better. If he had kept at work he might have earned enough to support the girl and risen to be somebody.

The friends of law and order in St. Louis have scored a victory over the vicious and lawless element in the reinstatement, by the Court of Appeals, of the Chief of Police recently removed by the Police Commissioners in obedience to the demand of the gamblers' ring. Whether the full fruits of this victory, however, will be realized will depend upon the fact whether the Governor shall remove the two Commissioners who have been indicted by the Grand Jury, and who, up to this time, he has refused to dismiss. Should these officials be retained, they will, of course, be able to nullify the influence of the Chief to a very considerable extent. It is to hoped that the friends of sound morals and good government may ultimately vanquish both the Governor and his backers—breaking up entirely the unholy combination which now holds the city in thrall.

Mr. Feuardent, the well-known archæologist, publicly alleged in a hundred different ways for years that Mr. Di Cesnola, Director of the Metropolitan Museum, had been guilty of fraud and had palmed off on this city (for \$130,000) a collection of bogus antiquities. Mr. Di Cesnola, after a long and painful silence, came to the front and declared that his accuser had lied. Thereupon Mr. Feuardent sued Mr. Di Cesnola for libel, and the case is now on trial. It is the funniest affair this city has seen for many years. Witnesses trip gayly forward, day after day, and swear that they have been engaged in the manufacture of pieces of statuary for Mr. Di Cesnola, here making (from wood, plaster or iron) a pair of legs, there an arm, there an ear or nose, there a portion of a bust, there a mirror or other implement; occasionally taking a battered head from Salamis, a body from Paphos and a pair of feet from Soli large enough for the shoes of the alleged Chicago girl, and cementing them deftly together and christening them with some name borrowed from old mythology. The judge ought to put a stop to this scandal out trial. It is against public morals. What

becomes of our reverence for the antique if an ordinary tinker, armed with wood and saw, bolts and screws and Portland cement and a pail of whitewash, is to be allowed to fabricate pagan gods and palm them off on our awe-struck credulity? Let Feuardent be hauled off.

THE overwhelming defeat of Mahone in Virginia will be a vast national gain if the victors are wise enough to use the triumph, not in a spirit of Fourbon intolerance, but with an intelligent reference to the real welfare of the State and in a full recognition of all the rights of all classes of the population. If, on the other hand, it shall be used to strengthen the domination of the intolerant methods under which a free vote and a fair count were impossible, the result will in its broader relations be altogether disastrous. Mahone's purposes were right, but his methods were base. His opponents cannot hope to maintain themselves if, using the same methods, their aims are not such as to command the respect of the country. The time has gone by when any party can maintain itself by intimidation of the negro voters, or a wholesale denial of their rights, and the Virginia Democracy will do well to recognize this fact when they come to utilize the fruits of their victory over the coalitionists.

The latest important contribution to the silver coinage question is found in the annual report of the Director of the Mint. He shows that altogether 154,370,899 standard silver dollars have been coined, and the total silver coinage of the country is \$225,000,000, an amount which he considers to be in excess of the requirements of trade. This is apparent from the fact that the Treasury contains 39,000,000 silver dollars above the amount of outstanding certificates, besides \$27,000,000 in fractional coin. Mr. Burchard reiterates his views, as previously set forth, to the effect that the equal coinage of gold and silver by all nations is desirable, in order to give stability to the values of commodities and credits, yet that the continuance of the present rate of coinage is calculated to expel the stock of gold in the country, and, therefore, the Act requiring the coinage of \$2,000,000 worth of standard dollars per month should be modified or repealed. In this regard Mr. Burchard agrees with the most enlightened of the bi metalists of Europe as well as this country.

An extraordinary feat has been accomplished by members of the Hawthorne Bicycle Club, of Salem, Mass., nine of them having made a run together of 100 miles within 18 hours and 38 minutes. The actual time consumed in riding was only 11 hours and 1 minute. This time has, of course, been beaten by single riders, over 250 miles having been done on common roads within 24 hours; but the fact that nine riders could start together and make 100 miles within a time no greater than a Summer's day, and without one of them breaking down, goes to prove what possibilities lie before the bicycle in the future. But the tricycle is now coming into use here, and it promises to soon become as popular as it is in England. One writer says that, although he is used to and enjoys horseback riding, yet that if the riding were a matter of choice, determined by the relative freedom from fatigue, he would rather ride forty miles on a tricycle than twenty-five on horseback. There is no reason why in time riding on 'cycles may not largely take the place of carriage-driving.

There is a steadily growing tendency on the part of some of the great railroad corporations of the country to encroach upon the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath by the unnecessary multiplication of trains, greatly to the annoyance and disturbance of the order-loving population. The absolute necessities of Sunday travel must, of course, be supplied; on trunk lines continuous trains, carrying the mails, cannot well be dispensed with; but when, as on some of the roads in New Jersey, almost as many trains are run on Sundays as on week days, the public has a right to complain of the practice as a wholesale desecration of the day which should be sacred to worship and rest. The religious bodies in that State, we observe, are beginning to protest with great earnestness against the new and aggressive policy of the corporations controlling the principal routes, and it is not impossible that the agitation may yet result in an organized effort for the enforcement of the laws so audaciously violated—laws which have only too long been a dead letter upon the statute-books.

The report of the chief signal officer states that the number of cautignary signals displayed during the year for the benefit of mariners was 1,557, of which 83.9 per cent. were justified by the results. The indications of weather furnished to the press during the year were verified in 88 per cent. of the cases. During the previous year the justifications and verifications were 83 per cent. and 86.6 per cent. On the Pacific coast, where weather only was predicted, the percentage of verifications rose to 90.5 per cent. The report mentions the fact, not generally known, that during the year an Ohio railroad has adopted a system of weather signals, which are displayed on their cars, and which thus give warning to the farmers of the country through which the line passes. The average percentage of accuracy of the warnings given in this way, as determined by persons not connected with the service, has been over 80 per cent. Arrangements are now making to extend this system to all lines of railway operated by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. The Bureau is now making fuller researches in atmospheric electricity, with a view to the possible explanation and prediction of local tornadoes.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

There were 219 failures in the United 5 ates during the past week, 24 more than the previous week, and 70 more than the corresponding weeks of 1883 and 1881.

Ir is thought that the sum of \$40,000,000 will be sufficient for pension payments during the year onding June 30th, 1885.

General W. T. Sherman, on route for St. Louis, was entertained last week by 1,000 Grand Army men in New York city.

Tweever persons were killed and many wounded by the falling in of the roof of a wing of the Minnesota State Capitol building at Madison, on the 8th inst.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that a policy of life insurance is not made void by the suicide of the insured person while insens.

It is said that a majority of the members of the new lows Legislature are opposed to again submitting the Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment to the sepular vote.

At the election in Baltimore last week the Re-

publicans elected their candidate for sheriff. He was supported by many reform Democrate in preference to their party candidate, who was a saloon-keeper.

MAYOR EDSON has issued a proclamation re-

questing the citizens to suspend business of November 25th, the occasion of the centennial celebration of the evacuation of New York city by the British troops.

THE court of inquiry appointed by the Secretary of War to investigate all the circumstances attending the organization, fitting out, and subsequent failure, of the Greely relief expedition, began its sessions last week.

A MEETING of the Republican National Committee has been called for December 12th for the purpose of deciding upon the date and place for holding the next National Republican Convention. The committee will also elect a chairman, vice Marshall Jewell, secassed.

OFFICIAL dispatches announce the surrender of seventy-nine Chiricahua Indians at Silver Creek; Ar.zona, in accordance with the terms made with General Crook last May. The report of the officer to whom the capitulation was made shows that all of the missing Indians are now accounted for.

Four persons were killed and six seriously injured by the demoliston, by a gale of wind, of a four-story building, in course of construction, in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 9th instant. On the same day four persons were killed and three injured by the explosion of a tug-boat in New York harbor.

THE expenditures of the Tribune Fresh Air Fund during the last Summer were \$14,908. The two weeks' vacation was given to 4,250 children and in addition 5,700 children were sent to Coney Island for the day. The average cost of a fortisight's vacation was \$2.81 for a child. The receipts of the Fund from 917 contributors amounted to \$16,745.

HALLETT KILBOURN has obtained a verdict of sixty thousand dollars against John G. Thompson, formerly Sergeant at Arms of the National House of Representatives, for illegal imprisonment ordered by the House. The verdict at the first trial was one hundred thousand dollars. A motion for a new trial has been entered. The principle of the verdict is no doubt right. Congress has no right to imprison a man for conduct in which he was acting wholly within his privileges.

Min Yono Ix, the Envoy from Corea, and several members of his su'ie, spent last week in New York city engaged in shorping. They are much interested in the museum which they propose to establish at Saoul, their capital, to exhibit samples of American merchand so with catalogues, etc. They are especially anxious to introduce agricultural and mising implements. They will carry with them a quantity of seeds, including cotton, given them by the Bureau of Agriculture; they contemplate establishing pest-effices and customs systems immediately upon reaching home.

The elections in the several States on the 6th instant resulted as follows: In New York the Republicans elected the Secretary of State by a majority of 18,000, while the Democrats elected the remainder of the State ticket by majorities ranging from 8,000 to 14,000. The Republicans have a majority of six in the State Senate and of eighteen in the House. In New Jersey the Democrats elected their Governor by 6,000 majority, and carried the Lower House of the Legislature, while the Republicans carried the Senate. In Virginia the Readjusters were overwhelmingly beated, the Democrats having a popular majority of nearly 30,000, with both branches of the Legislature. In Messachusetts Builer was defeated by over 10,000, and the Republicans secured the Legislature by heavy majorities. Pendigivania went Republican by a majority of 16,000, Nebraska by a majority of 5,000, Connecticut by a plurality of 5,000, both branches of the Legislature lieing strongly Minneavia by a majority of 17,000, while Mississippi went Democratic as usual, and Maryland elected the Democratic State ticket by some 11,000 majority.

# Foreign.

THE British Parliament has been further prorogued until December 1910.

THURSDAY, the 8th instant, was observed throughout Canada as Thankegoving Day.

IT is said that influences are at work in certain circles with a view to making Lord Lorne, lately Governor general of Canada, the Viceroy of Ireland.

Official documents state that the total French force in Tonquin at the beginning of November was 8,650 men, and that the French naval force in Tonquin and Chinese Peas comprises thirty-three vessils, with crews numbering altogether 4,500 men.

SIR ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, on opening the Gueensland Parliament, referred to the proposition for the annexation of New Guinea to the British Australam and colonies and declared his belief that a united expression of the will of the colonies to the home government would secure the anexation of the wilsaid.

The new ed fice to be erected in St. Petersburg as a memorial of the late Cz-r, and which is to at and upon the spot where the Czar lell, will be an old Muscovite attactors of the seventeenth century style. It will have six cupolis, resting an columns of porphyry given by the present Czar. The entrance will be from the opposite side of the canal, through a detached beliry and over a bridge.

A Dublin dispatch says that in consequence of the Parsell te campaign is Ulater it is proposed to form a new constitutional organization in that province apart from that of the Orange faction. The object of the new organization will be to concliate the opposing creeds of Cathole sem and Protestantism, to support the law, to promote loyalty, and to oppose disintegration, home rule and houseful suffreqs.

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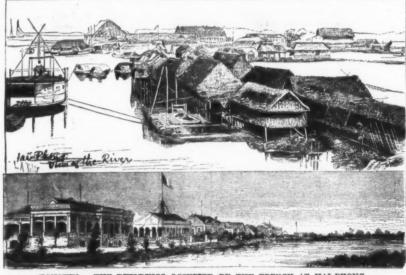
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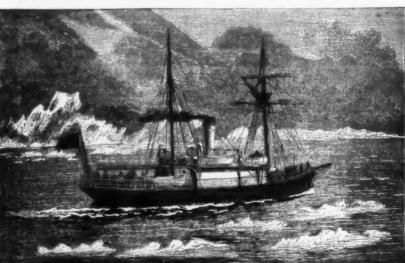
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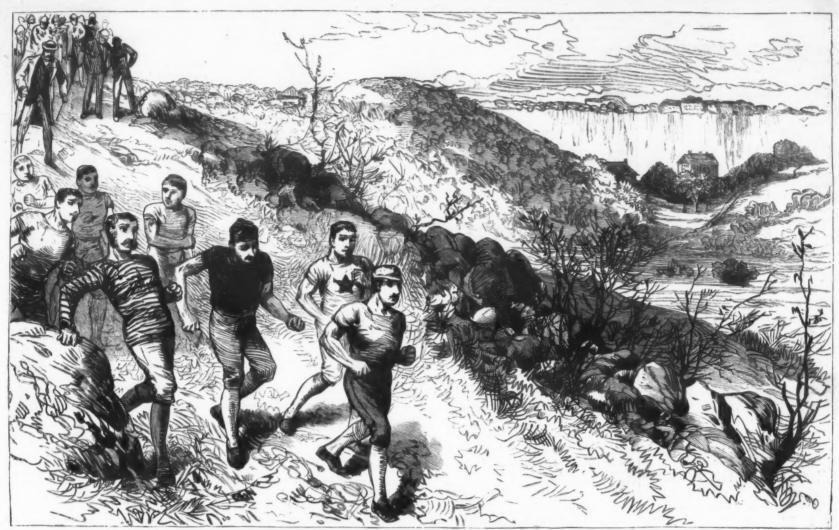
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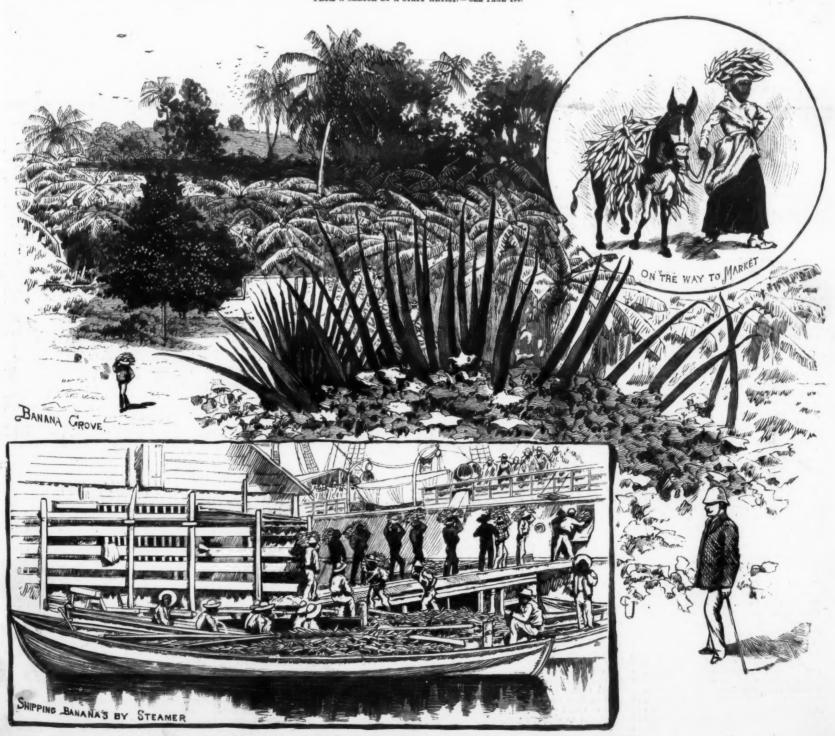
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New York,— the first race for the 'cross-country championship, november 6th — the start. From a sketch by a staff artist.— see page 199.



THE BANANA TRADE IN THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA — CULTIVATING AND MARKETING THE FRUIT, FROM PHOTOS,—SEE PAGE 199,

THE dogwood dropped its blossoms white Pale blossoms gleamed in emerald light, The winds atole softly by, With sound of water falling down A slender barb of silver thrown From rocky turret high.

The faint, far song of birds awoke, And fainter echoes dreamful broke Through every leaf-locked way; Whilst waiting heart beat glad refrain, Sweet prelude to the blasful strain Of lovers' trysting day.

Across a field with daisies gilt, Where o'er a stream its whiteness spilt Above a sparkling bed,
Drifting the blossoms with the hem
Of garments, soft careesing them
With dainty, airy tread,

She came: and through the hending shade That tremulous tree-boughs greenly made, Her face shone as a star, By folded tresses quaintly stoled, Amid an aureole of gold, Sun-glimmered from afar.

Her slim hands crossed on primrose blush, Her welcome as the song of thrush Among the forest birds: And on my lips the soft caress That rose-leaves on the rose heart press A lyric without words.

Oh, thrill of purity! oh, bliss! Oh, memory of that maiden kiss,
Pure, penitent and proud!
The wild birds, through their leafy thrail, Warbled a tenderer madrigal, The sunset kissed the cloud.

The dogwood dropped its blossoms fair, The loitering twilight trembled there,
The warmed winds blew low; Whilst love, in passionate joy divine Made offerings at the verdurous shrine-Our tryst of long ago. MARIE LE BARON.

# BESS AND THE BABY.

AN ENGLISH STORY.

THANK you, sir! I am always glad to have a look at a paper; one never knows what may turn up. Maybe there will be a big robbery in it, or even a murder."

The speaker was a hale-looking, whitewhiskered man of perhaps seventy, who was my sole companion in a third-class compartwhistered man of perhaps seventy, who was my sole companion in a third-class compartment, in which I was traveling from motives of economy. His remark came in answer to a newspaper which I had handed him, with the words, "Care to look at it? I've done, and there's nothing at all in it." The way he suggested a murder as a possible tit-bit amused me rather, for he looked too contented and comfortable to have much of a relish for horrors, and I was idly trying to guess what he had been as a younger man, when he broke in with a—"There, I told you so! Sure to light on something interesting," and proceeded to read aloud the following announcement: "On Friday, the 10th, at St. Bedes, near Hallow's Kene, Cornwall, Bessie Raymond to Charles Salter, of that village. There!" ended the old man, triumphantly, "I always said they would make a match of it, and now they have."

The old fellow seemed so supremely satis-The old fellow seemed so supremery salar-fied at his prophecy having proved true, that I felt compelled to ask what interest he had in the young people, and who they were. One question led to another, and finding my com-panion to be rather a character in his way, I asked him point-blank to give me the whole of the tale at which he was hinting.—Where did the tale at which he was hinting-Where did he first see Miss Bessie? but he preferred to tell his story in his own manner.

"You don't know who I am, sir," he began, drawing himself up with an air of conscious importance, while I confessed my much-to-be-regretted ignorance. My informant cleared his throat and held himself stiffer than before. "I am Sergeant Black, late of Scotland Yard,

My want of knowledge must have been extreme, or his fame less extended than he had imagined, for, as far as I knew, I had never heard his name before. Rather, however, than offend him, and so lose his story, which promised to lessen the tedium of traveling, I made a bold shot at an answer.

"Oh, the wonderful detective," cried I. "I

The great man beamed in reply:

"You're very good, sir; I was a detective, and this trip of mine to Cornwall, which I am going to tell you about, was some twenty years ago and more, when I was after one of the biggest scoundrels that ever went unhung. You have heard of Jim Blake?"

My chances of hearing his narrative again trembled in the balance, for Sergeant Black evidently objected to speak to ignorant ears. I was about to profess the closest intimacy with Jim Blake, when the sergeant's scrutiny

relaxed. "No," said he, decisively; "you're young. Well, Blake was this scoundrel, and it was after him that I was sent down to Cornwall. He had been giving us a rare amount of trouble in town, had Jim, for there was never a awindling transaction or a big jewel robbery but he had the principal management of it and though we had often caught less important members of the gang, we never could get at him. But after that great bank affair in '60, when both the porter and his wife were found dead in their beds, and the whole place was ransacked, one of the other fellows turned Queen's evidence, and swore that it was Blake who had murdered them both; and, after giv-ing his booty into their hands, had himself decamped down to this Hallow's Kene, whither I tollowed him.

"What a queer little place it was, to be sure! Just a cluster of some three score of huts, with a couple of public-houses and one solitary policeman, who apparently had been placed there for the reason that his stupidity unfitted him for any better post; the nearest as I know, there was neither doctor nor parson for twice as many more. A poverty-son for twice as many more, and it was but four when I climbed the ladder. Extent of out-of-the-way corner a man like Blake would choose, when he had made London too hours. I was shortly fast asleed. Very rep-time to the will average you."

you, then, did he, my poor pet? Mother will called by my companion, who pointed out the loose stones which rolled under one's feet. You'll kill yourself, too,' asid he, and, as after a near inspection I found the man was right, I was obliged to return to the village. "When I got back I found both Bess and her child had disappeared. And so I came to be done, even though titinking over what had tried out with the fatigue of that last few hours. I was shortly fast asleed. Very rep-time time to be done, even though it is Death that interferes, I could not help to the cottage, ascended the ladder and ensconced myself on having found her in such a mood, I entered the cottage, ascended the ladder and ensconced myself snugly in the garret. 'Jim won't be in till six,' I had been told previous to laying my plans, and it was but four when I climbed the ladder. Extended the ladder and ensconced myself snugly in the garret. 'Jim won't be in till six,' I had been told previous to laying my plans, and it was but four when I climbed the ladder. Extended the ladder and ensconced myself snugly in the garret. 'Jim won't be in till six,' I had been told previous to laying my plans, and it was but four when I climbed the ladder. Extended the ladder and ensconced myself on having found her in such a mood, I entered the cottage, ascended the ladder and ensconced myself snugly in the garret. 'Jim won't be in till six,' I had loose stones which rolled under as I know, there was neither doctor nor par-son for twice as many more. A poverty-stricken, God-forsaken place, but just the sort of out-of-the-way corner a man like Blake would choose, when he had made London too hot to hold him, and could not very well cross the Channel. Of course, the first thing was to interview the policeman, but I did not get much from that move. 'There was not a man named Blake in the place,' he told me. 'Blake wasn't a Cornish name.' But after I 'Blake wasn't a Cornish name.' But after a had given a lengthy description of the man, the stolid face before me actually lighted up with a ray of intelligence. 'Oh! he knew who I meant, but his name was Morton.' Likes enough,' I told him, 'and where did he live?' The house was pointed out. 'Was he live?' The house was pointed out. 'Was he often at home?' 'No. he was generally away,' and (of course) he had not the remotest idea of

what he did. 'Blake was a surly fellow, and more ready with blows than civil answers.' more ready with blows than civil answers.'

"I gave up the man in despair. and together
we walked back to the village, for this talk I
had had with him had taken place in the openon a sort of common, where I could be sure of
not being overheard. 'Only to think,' repeated the man, as I was leaving him to turn
into the public place where I was lodging,
'only to think that Morton should be this
Blake after ail! I angrily bade the fool hold
his tongue, and threatened him with unheardof penalties if he should disclose the object of
my visit—which, by-the-by, I had given out as
being for the sea air, and to try the fish cure. being for the sea air, and to try the fish cure, which a London physician had recommended. by which I meant to make a virtue of necessity, and eat fish for all my meals. But, of course, even those few words had been overheard, as I learnt when a woman followed me neard, as I learnt when a woman followed me into the bar, and asked to speak to me alone. What was she like? Well, a tall, gaunt woman, with sunken cheeks, and large blue eyes that looked as though all the light and happiness had been washed out of them long ago. Her things hung about her in rags, and the white, thin face of a baby girl was pressed against the still thinner breast of the mother.

"Who are you?" I asked her when we were alone, and I had made a voyage of discovery as to the chances of remaining so.
"'I am Bess Raymond,' she answered, 'and
I heard what you said about Jim. You want

him, don't you ?'
"'Where do you live?' I asked cautiously

"'Where do you live?' I asked cautiously. The woman jerked her head in the direction of the old flint cottage, in which Roberts (the policeman) had said that Morton lived; 'and it you want to get him, I'll take you to him.' "'Will you?' I asked, doubtfully; she had come directly to the point, and her way of speaking and general manner made me sure she was keeping faith with me, but still I knew I had only myself to rely upon, and had no inclination to walk straight into the lion's den; on the other hand, if I could only secure the man, I knew I was sure of warm commendthe man, I knew I was sure of warm commend ation from headquarters, and a large reward into the bargain. 'Will you?' I repeat. Bess tore back her rags, showing livid bruises on neck and arms.
""Will I?" she cried: 'look there! Jim

gave me these—Jim, for whom I've slaved night and day, and saved over and over again! Her voice, which until now had been uniformly dull and spiritless, rang now with a terrible resentment, as she raised her bony arms, and held the child towards me. 'And Jim gave me her, and to-day he cursed her!' That decided me.

" 'Shall I come now?' I asked her, fully be-lieving in the maxim 'Strike while the iron is hot,' and understanding that the feeling which to-day had prompted her to betray Blake, to-morrow might vanish if the man threw her a

kind word instead of a curse.

"Yes, come now,' she answered, falling back into her dull tone, and then we arranged how to effect his capture, my professional skill aided by her quick woman's wits. It appeared that the cottage simply comprised a big room for the basement, and overhead an empty garret, which was reached from below by means of a ladder. I was to take up my position in this garret, and Roberts was to be outside, but well within hearing, so as to assist me in securing our prisoner; of course I had the necessary handcuffs with me, but these were supplemented by good stont cords, which were supplemented by good stout cords, which I thought would prove handy to keep him quieter on our way to the station.

"In answer to my inquiry as to whether Blake might be expected to make a very desperate resistance, as in that case it would be rather ticklish work descending the ladder, he might be quick enough to rush forward and trip me up. Bess coolly proposed chloroform-ing him, and then Roberts and I could secure him while senseless. The proposal was a good one, and looked like business; but with a professional objection to people meddling with such things, I asked her how she got hold of it?

"'Oh! Jim always had a lot in his pocket, as it came in handy;' and she used to get hold of some to quiet the baby, when otherwise its

crying might, perhaps, have cost it its life.

'The identical baby, by-the by," added the sergeant, tapping my newspaper. "whose marriage has made me think of all this. With Blake once handcuffed and bound, it was easy to hire from the neighbors the horse and cart which served for taking the fish to the nearest town, and in it drive him to the railway-sta-tion, and thence go up to London by rail. I paused to look up Roberts, and explain how he was to stand out of sight, but well within hearing, and to supply myself with cord, and then I followed Bess Raymond. The woman's eyes were glittering strangely, and I caught her whisper as she bent over her child, 'Curse

tired out with the fatigue of that last few hours, I was shortly fast asleep. Very rep-rehensible, no doubt. You would not have done it? Oh! of course not; it is wonderful how much sharper every one is than the person employed. But just consider a moment all I had gone through. Journeying all the way from London, with a twenty mile walk at the other end before I got to Hallow's Kene sitting up all night with some royatering fish ermen, from whom I, as a stranger, thought to gain more local information drunk than sober; then walking off to that precious common with that fool of a Roberts; and lastly mon with that fool of a Roberts; and lastly, having to hunt him up again before I could accept Bess's invitation. Anyhow, right or wrong, I slept. When I awoke, some two hours later, to my horror I found myself totally unable to move; I was lying on my face, and bound hand and foot with the identical cords with which I had intended to do the same kind office for Blake! Instantly I understood my position. While I slept, either my intended prisoner or else Bess herself, had crept up the ladder, first chloroformed and crept up the ladder, first chloroformed and then bound me, but of which of the two had done so, and of what was to be my subsequent fate, of course I could form no idea. If it was Blake who crept up to me while I slept, I could not understand why the man, knowing him as I did for a rufflan who stuck at little, had not brained me; but if, on the other hand, it was Bess—but no, I repudiated that idea as impossible, for every word, every look of the woman had spoken of revenge. I struggled again to free myself, but gently, as I feared who might be listening in the room below, when suddenly I heard the door slam to, and the sound of voices. I held my breath and

And so you wanted to give me up. the first words that reached me in a gruff man's voice, 'and then you could not do it after all—could you, Bess? Well, you ain't such a bad sort,' and the sound of a rough kiss followed.

"'Jim.' said the woman, earnestly (while I inwardly invoked blessings on her head for getting me into such a pickle), Jim, if you'd always speak to me like that, I'd be hanged myself before they should touch you; but you

myself before they should touch you; but you mustn't go on agen little Bess.'
""Well, I don't,' said the man, sheepishly; 'wasn't I just a cuddling of her?"
"I know you were,' said Bess; 'and it was me coming in from looking for you, and finding you playing with her, that made me act so different from what I intended; for oh, lim."

"Then for some minutes I lost what they said, for after nearly dislocating my arm, I had succeeded in freeing it, and once in possession of my clasp-knie, was busy cutting through the rest of my cords. As the last of them iell from me I laid myself flat again, and crawling to the opening, peered cautiously through. Blake had a bundle under his arm, and, apparently, was having a meal preparatory to starting off.

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"'And what are you going to do with him?' he asked, jerking his head upward.
"'When you're once gone, I'll put a knife by him to free himself when he wakes, and little Bess and I go on to Combe."

"'And you'll be sure to come every day?' questioned the man, anxiously, while I above was wildly pressing the roof of the garret so as, if possible, to eacape my prison and be with Roberts at the door to catch our man when he went out. You see, knowing that the walls were so crumbling and good for nothing, I knew that the roof itself could not be over walls were so crumbling and good for nothing, I knew that the roof itself could not be over strong, and if I could only find a weak spot, I could force my way through it. Feel! feel! The clay and straw of which the roof was composed tore my hands and blinded me with dust. but at last—yes, I found a yielding place, and pushing my way through, climbed out on the roof. Wooden supports that had been put to protect the old walls aided my descent, and once safely down, I rushed round to the back of the house to find Roberts. Together we of the house to find Roberts. Together we tore back to the front of the cottage, but not being acquainted with its exterior, we unwittingly passed the window, and in that moment Bess saw us. We heard a cry of 'Jim, run!' Bess saw us. We heard a cry of 'Jim, run!' and the man came flying past us, shaping his course for the sea; a moment more and we were in hot pursuit.

"You won't quite be able to understand what followed, I am afraid. You see, Blake's house was a good way apart from the others, and quite close to the sea—closer than it ought to have been, people said, for (as I found out afterwards) the cliffs in these parts were terribly dangerous, and sometimes gave way alto-gether. If you wanted to get at the beach you gether. If you wanted to get at the beach you had to strike away a good bit to the left; but at the point for which Blake was making, the cliffs were some eighty feet high, and so until a valued his life stood at safe that any one who valued his life stood at a respectful distance from their edge. Well, on we all rushed after him, and at last I felt we were gaining on him, when Roberts. who was much the younger man and running somewhat in advance of me, must needs trip himself up, and I, as a matter of course, immedi ately tumbled over him. I jumped up again hastily, screaming 'Come cal' but the words died away on my lips, as, with an awful scream, I saw the man Blake, unable to stop himself at the rate he was going, fall headlong over the cliff! Paralyzed at his awful end ing—for although dubious as to his intentions, I had no thought of his committing suicide—for some moments I stood motionless, and then was cautiously advancing, when I was re-

it is Death that interferes, I could not help wondering if, after all, the man really was dead; for by what I had overheard in the loft, he had certainly made up his mind where he was going, and it could not be far off, either, if was going, and it could not be lar on, etter, it Bees were to come to him every day from Combe, which was at some five miles' distance from Hallow's Keene. If so, why, on seeing such an anything but rare sight, a detective at his heels, he should become so flurried as to commit suicide. I could not well make out.

commit suicide, I could not well make out. Again, Pess Raymond must have thought him safe when she saw him make for the sea, or she would not have immediately started for Combe without waiting for our return. I confess I was thoroughly posed.

"Next day I was rowed round by some fishermen to see the cliff from the sea, and though we could not get within half a mile of it, on account of dangerous rocks, I sufficiently assured myself that no man could fall off it and live. Still, without a better reason than the sured myself that no man could fall off it and live. Still, without a better reason than the few words I had overheard, I obstinately refused to believe him dead, and staid on at Hallow's Kene, every day visiting the spot, and making various discoveries which afterwards led to important results. Of course, by this time, those who lived in the village, and the grandees of the neighborhood, knew all about the affair that brought me amongst about the affair that brought me amongst them, and every day during the first week gentlemen would ride in to have a talk with me, but at last they gave it up in despair, thinking me an idiot for not going about my

business "At last I had found out all I wanted to know, and when the gentry had ceased bothering, I called on the three bravest and most sensible men in the village, for, of course, I knew them all by this time, and invited them to walk with me to the scene of the disaster. What I told them there made them open their eyes a bit, I can assure you. I told them there was a cave at the bottom of the cliff, the opening of which could not be seen from the water on account of the rocks, and in this cave, for the last three weeks, Blake had been living. I told them that though the rest of the living. I told them that though the rest of the cliff might be really dangerous, the part by which the man had been seen to tumble was of solid rock, and perfectly safe; while the stones on its surface, which had been placed there intentionally, offered no difficulty to a wary stepper. And then I pointed out the rope by which Blake had descended, and which was fastened at some feet from the edge, being well hidden from view by dust, stones, etc. My hidden from view by dust, stones, etc. My final proof being that Bess Raymond brought him food, and, woman as she was, had night after night descended the bare face of the cliff to take it to him! "Sir," said the old sergeant, while his

"Sir," said the old sergeant, while his honest face glowed as he spoke of brave Besa's devotion—"Sir, I am making my tale very long, and we are nearing London; so I won't describe the trouble we had in fixing another rope to go down by, for, of course, we did not mean to go straight down to the mouth of the cave, and perhaps be shot by Blake on our arrival; but to make a long story short one arrival; but, to make a long story short, one pitch-dark night, about ten o'clock, we found ourselves, six in number, safe down on the beach, which, you will understand, was perfectly inaccessible except from the top, while on the top itself we had left six others. The

on the top itself we had left six others. The men had come down hand-over-hand, as Jim had done; but not wishing to arrive at the bottom in pieces, I had been lowered in a basket, in which we were going to send back Master Jim, handcuffed and properly corded.

"As it was impossible to get into the cave, it was necessary to wait until he came out, which he was sure to do when Bess brought him his nightly meal. Well, we were all standing round the rope by which Bess would descend, when we knew by its sudden steadying that she was coming down. 'Stand back, boys,' I whispered, and we all did, with the exception of one man, whom she actually brushed against as she slid to the ground. Luckily he said never a word, and she didn't Luckily he said never a word, and she didn't seem to notice anything; but she must have guessed it all, and been sharp enough to lay her plans then and there, for a few minutes after that, when I was round the other side of the cave—do you see?—expecting to hear her call him out, a fellow rushed round to me to say he thought some one was going up the rope. Eack I sprang, turning up my bull's eye, but, of course, its light could not be cast high enough to see who it was, though the steadiness of the rope told of a weight on it.

"Was Blake to escape me a second time?"
'Rush to the other, and get up first,' I cried to Luckily he said never a word, and she didn't

'Rush to the other, and get up first,' I cried to the men, and then, frantic with the idea of deheld in my hand. Projections in the surface helped me, and I had climbed some ten feet, when the moon shone out in all her radiance, and the lower of the two climbers, who was perhaps twenty feet above me, turned and looked down. It was Bess! Finding the impossibility of the mad attempt, I slid to the ground again and looked up. The first figure, in woman's clothing, but still whom I knew to be Blake, was nearing the top, and Bess? What was Bess doing? Holding on with one hand only, the other was moving rapidly backwards and forwards above her head; she was cutting through the rope! Thinking Jem's assailants to be all behind her, and, of course, knowing nothing of the other ropes, she was giving her own life to save his. As she was cutting through the last strand, the moonlight fell full on her pale, upturned face, and I saw that her last look was for him. 'All

serene! · Hold tight, Jim! I heard her cry, and then shut my eyes to the awful sight, as, with soduli thud, she fell to the beach below.

'It is choky work talking," pursued the old man, presently (I nodded, it was rather choky

man, presently than the think that's all."

"And Jim Blake!"

"Oh! he got away safe to America—I don't quite know how; but the men we had left on top had all gone to the other rope on hearing our screems when Bess fell."

"And the baby!"

"Married yesterday. A nice little girl.
I've always had my eye on her, for her
mother's sake, and I paid for that advertisement."

"And what did they put on the mother's tomb?" I saked, after a pause, for, for such de-votion and self-sacrifice it seemed that Tennyson himself might be proud to write the epi-

"Only her name.' said the old man, sadly "but," he added, with a roguish twinkle in his little black eyes, as he glanced at the books and papers by my side—"but, perhaps you ll do more for her, and write it all down." Reader, I have done so.

# THE LUTHER QUARTU-CENTENNIAL.

THE festival, or series of festivals, in commemo A ration of the fourth centenary of Martin Lu-ther's birth, have been booming from Eisleben to Worms, from Worms to Wartburg-from Europe to America-and every incident in connection with the courageous monk's career has been recalled with lively interest by the millions who recognize him as the grandest reformer of the ages. Four hundred years ago Martin Luther was born

at Eisleben, a little town in Saxony, on the eve of St. Martin, November 10th, 1483, where he died on Feb-ruary 18th, 1546. His father had originally been a poor peasant, but, taking to mining, in the fullness of time acquired a house and two furnaces, leaving at his death one thousand florins in coin. Martin, while at school, tasted the rod, in one day alone rewants as solicot, stated the roo, in one day allone reciving filteen floggings. While at school in Manfield he had to beg his bread with his companions, as was the custom, by sluging from house to house in the neighboring village. At the age of eighteen he entered the University of Erfurt, where he distinguished himself in Latin and Philosophy, graduating in 1505. The death of an intimate friend in a duel, and his own parrow escape from pallidas more through lightning, so strongly excited his religious feelings that, on July 17th, 1505, he entered the Augustine Convent at Erfurt. Here he subjected himself to the severes monastic discipline, and studied the Bible and St. Augustine with great intentness, becoming at last persuaded that not by pennance and self-mortification, but by faith in Christ alone, are forgiveness and salvation to be secured by the sinner. The acceptance of the great work and self-mortification, but by faith in Christ alone, are forgiveness and salvation to be secured by the sinner. The acceptance of the great work and the great work of the great work and the great work of the great deferred to great g

the Risibben district, the Crown Prince taking part in the ceremonies.

The great bronze statue in the market-place representing Luther burning the Papal bull was cuarded by four burgher rifiemen as a guard of horor. Enormous galleries were erected on all sides of the statue to accommodate the speciators at the unvailing ceremonies. Thousands of people visited the house in which Luther died, and crowds througed to see the colossal picture representing Luther finishing his address in the Diet of Worms. The pulpit in the Church of St. Andrew, where the reference preached, was decked with exotics.

At Worms the festival was commeniorated in an equally picturesque and complete manner, and was preceded by the performance of a religious play written by the poet Hans Herrig. It was given in Trinity Church in the presence of the Grand Duke of Heese and his family and a numerous audience. Luther Square, where stauds Rietschel's statue of Luther, was a blaze of color. In other German cities the commemorative celebrations have been held in almost every city, all Protestant religious denominations uniting to do honor to the memory of the man who liberated the thought of the world from Papal domination and blazed the way for that marvelous religious progress and growth in civilization of which the evidences are presented in every land. One of the principal celebrations took place at Steingary Hali, in New York city, on the 9th instant, the oration being delivered by Rev. Dr. J. A. Selse, one of the Toremost scholars of the Lutheran Church.

In connection with other illustrations apropos of the Luther festival, we give, on page 196, pictures of the memorials in honor of the great reformer at Worms and Eisleben.

#### A 'CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

RUNNING race across field and farm, over A ditch and fence, for five miles, is something of a novelty in athletic sports. Such an event took place on the 6th inst. under the auspices of the New York Athletic Club, being the first run for the 'cross-country foot-race championship of America. Among the eighteen starters were L. E. Myers, of the Manhattan Athletic Club; Thomas F. Delaney, Among the eighteen starters were L. E. Myers, of the Manhattan Athletic Club: Thomas F. Delaney, of the Williamsburgh Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and T. A. Collett, of the Pastime Athletic Club: and the Athletic Club: and the Milliams and the Milliams and the Thomas Farm. The course took in enough up and down grades, swamps, brooks, jungles, fences, railroad tracks, dusty highways, private lawns and other topographical diversities to make the race interesting, and the day was all that an Autumn day should be. The start was made at 11:25. Myers and Delaney soon took the lead, and ran some three miles almost abreast. Then Myers stuck in a fence which Delaney cleared, gaining the lead. Myers was too much exhausted to catch up, and the others were too far behind. The first six at the finish were as follows: Thomas F. Delaney, 26m. 30s.; P. Golden, 28m.; J. Avery. Collett, 28m. 15s.; George D. Phillips, 28m. 45s.; John Kerns, 29m., and Edward J. Ryan, 29m. 15s. Myers was seventh, and his time was not taken. This seems extraordinary time for a 'cross-country course. Some of the runners themselves are of the opinion that the pedometer measurements were at fault, and that the distance actually gone over was considerably less than five miles.

## BANANA CULTIVATION IN JAMAICA.

WHILE the fruits grown in Jamaica include nearly all the tropical varieties, the plantain is conspicuous, forming an important element of food for the colored classes, as well as a principal article of export. Some of the plantations, devoted to the cultivation of yams, cocoas and plantains, especially in the Parish of St. George's, embrace to the cultivation of yams, cocoas and plantains, especially in the Parish of St. George's, embrace hundreds and thousands of acres. The banana requires deep, rich earth and much more time to grow it in perfection, and with these conditions the cutting or shoot, being planted, soon sends up two green leaves, tightly rolled together, which, when a height of two or three feet is attained, unfold into blades. These leaves are followed by others until the stems of the leaves have formed a smooth trunk, some eight or ien inches thick, composed wholly of the concentric stems or petioles. At the end of nine mouths a deep-purple bud appears in the centre of the leaves; its constantly lengthening stem soon pushes it beyond the leaves, and it hangs down like a huge heart. As the purple envelopes of the bud fall off, rows of buds are disclosed, extending two-thirds around the stem. Each miniature fruit has a waxen yellow blossom, with a large projecting stigma at the end. The female flowers come first on the stem. Three or four months are required to ripen the fruit, and during the process the rows of male flowers have withered and dropped away, the ovaries of the female blossoms have swollen into bananas six to fourteen inches long, and the huge bunch, containing several hundred fruits, hangs from the now-withering plant. In cultivation, the plants are set closely, and the bunches are gathered before they are quite ripe, and hung up in a cold place, or buried in the earth. A plantation will yield all the year round by timing the planting.

Port Antonio is one of the principal points of shipment for the American market, and our filiustration shows a cane-field plantation at Portland, near Port Antonio.

#### PICTORIAL SPIRIT OF THE FOREIGN ILLUSTRATED PRESS.

# A Masonie Lodge in Morocco.

A Masonic Lodge in Morocco, where the first lodge was opened some weeks since. The name of the lodge is "Al Moghrebal Aksa," or "The Far West"—a peculiarly felicitous appellation, since the charter of the lodge is derived from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in the Far West of the American continent. Steps are to be taken at once for the opening of other lodges in the different cities and seaports of Morocco, and there is every prespect that the Order will acquire a strong foothold among the somewhat polyglot population.

# Li-Hong-Tchang.

LI-Hong-Tenang.

Li-Hon regards progress. He was both in 1823 in the Province of Nganhouel. He was but poorly educated, and was thirty years of age ere for une turned a prize for him in the great wheel in the shape of the revolt of Tai-Ping. Placing himself at the head of a troop, he so distinguished himself by bravery and good generalship as to attract the attention of the commandant of the region. In 1864 he succeeded Tseng as Governor of Doux-Kiang, the most important in the Empire. Since that date his induence and position has been increasing almost daily.

#### Baron Nordenskjold's Greenland Expedition.

Expedition.

Baron Nordenskjöld's expedition to Greenland during the past Summer was the only voyage of exploration in the Arctic regions for the present year. The vessel employed by him was the Sofia, belonging to the Swedish Navy, and detached for this special service. On the 10th of June the Sofia let Reykjavik, in Iceland, and two days later sighted the east coast of Greenland, but finding it impossible to land, rounded Cape Farewell and anchored at Julianshaab, the capital—so to speak—of Greenland. From here some of the scientists on board made an excursion to a spot in the vicinity, the only place in the world where a remarkable

mineral known as "endialyt" is found, and from which a strauge metal "zirconium" is produced. The journey being continued northwards, along the west coast, Godhavn and Egedesminde, Danish settlements, were visited, and on July ist anchor was cast in a harbor just discovered, which was named "Soils Harbor." On the 3d the exploring party started, in the meat glorious Summer weather, on the expedition to discover whether Greenland would answer to her name, as believed by Nordenskjöld, and for more than a fornight proceeded acroes the snowy wastes without encountering the least break in the Ice-desert, or finding the slightestrace of any flors or fauna but that of the snow and ice, which latter had the appearance of having been deposited here for ages. The temperature was very low and snow fell constantly. When about eighty miles inland the party, with the exception of two lapps, came to a hait, while the latter pushed into the interior a distance of one hundred and thirty miles, but without encountering the slightest trace of any onsis in the loy desert. The country, which had gradually risen all the way from the shore, sitained at their point of return a height of about 7,000 feet, and was seen to rise still further to the east. Nordenskjöld estimates that, if the shorine is calculated, at seventy miles, a spot two hundred and eighty miles inland was reached, and that, therefore, more than half its width has been traversed. After about a month's absence on the inland ice the party returned safe and sound to the Auleitsivik Flord. While Nordenskjöld effected his/journey into the interior, the Soda, in charge of the eminent Swedish geologist, Dr. A. Nathorst, steamed up Smith's Sound, in order to reach Cape York, but owing to the heavy pack ice was unable to make that point. Finally, discovering a harbor in latitude 76 degrees, 5 minutes, he anchored there for a time; but as there did not appear to be the least probability of the ice disappearing, the Esquimaux were found, while some remains were discovered which t

# The French in Hai-Phong, Tonquin.

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The French at Hai-Phong muster in force. They occupy the principal buildings, and hold the fort. Commercially speaking, the position is an important one, as Hai-Phong is a seaport town, and through it the trade filters to the interior of Tonquin. Military critics decry it on account of two glaring disadvantages—one that it is situated on land which is flooded by high tides, and the other that the water supply is alarmingly defective. In this town the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company have their offices and stores, giving very extensive employment, as their wharves are used as depots for provisions. These wharves are admirably adapted to defensive purposes, being surrounded, save at the river-front, by walls three feet in thickness, capable of housing a thousand men in comfort, good quarters for the officers, and with safe storage for food and coal. The wharves are also provided with the newest improvements in hoisting-cranes, and the water is deep enough to admit of vessels anchoring alongside the dock.

# Cured by a Fall.

MRS. JONES, of Gold Hill, mother of Senator John MRS. JONES, of Gold Hill, mother of Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, was for many months afflicted with a distressing affection of the stomach, from which she suffered greatly. A short time ago, while on the second floor of her home, she started to go into a closet, as she thought, but opened the door leading to the staircase instead. Not noting her mistake, she walked off the landing and fell violently to the bottom of the steps, indicting upon herself some painful bruises, but sustaining no other injuries. Before she had scarcely recovered from her shaking up she began to experience a change of health in another direction that more than compensated her for a temporary lameness, for her stomachic troubles had left her and in their place came a healthy appetite, with a vigorous place came a healthy appetite, with a vigorous digestion, that gives the good old lady a new least of life. She does not know to what to attribute this change, unless it be her lucky accident on the stair steps. Similar cases are said to have been known before.

# California Redwood.

In the whole world there are no known redwood forests outside of California. Carefully prepared In the whole world there are no known redwood forests outside of California. Carefully prepared official estimates give the quantity at 25,825,000,000 feet, and this amount is comprised in the coast beit that extends from Humboldt County, just below the Oregon line, down as far south as the Mexican border. It is a significant fact, however, that one-fourth more finished lumber, sultable for interior housework, can be obtained from Humboldt timber than from the proposed from Humboldt timber than from the prown in any other county in California. Unlike many other kinds of trees, redwood stumps can be utilized to profitable advantage. For veneering purposes slices from these stumps are said to be highly prized, and may probably in time prove almost invaluable. From advanced sheets of the Census Bulletin issued by the Government we find that the total amount of redwood in California, measured by sections, amounts to 25,825,000,000 feet, broad measurement. A company recently organized in Scotland, with a capital of \$4,500,000, has purchased a large area of these redwood timber lands, with a view of meeting the demand that is developing at Eastern and European capitals for fine redwood lumber for interior housefinishing and ornamentation.

# Death-roll of the Week.

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November 3D.—At sea, en route from Cuba for New York, Charles A Meigs, United States Bank Examiner, aged 67; at Jercey City, N. J., William L. Dickinson, County Superintendent of Public Schools, aged 64; at Philadelphia, Pa., Captain James West, formerly commander of the Collins steamship Attontic, aged 83. November 4th.—At Paterson, N. J., William Swinburne, one of the ploneers of the locomotive industry in this country, aged 78. November 6th.—At Morrisiown, N. J., James Gowles, a soldier of the War of 1812, and alterwards conspicuous in political and mercantile affairs, aged 95. Accember 6th.—At Berlin, Prussia, Count von Redern, Grand Chamberlain to the Emperor, aged 81; at Evansville, Ind., Willard Carpenter, one of the wealthiest and most philianthropic citizens of the State, aged 50; at Paris, France, Charles Yates Roosevels, formerly United States Consul at Copenhagen, aged 37. November 7th.—At Morristown, N. J., Hon. Theodore F. Randolph, ex-Governor and ex-United States Senator, aged 57; in New York city, Benjamin Fitch, the well-known philanthropist, his expenditures for charity having amounted to over \$500,000; at Lexington, Me., Charles P de Groat, for nearly forty years a well-known actor, aged to ver 60. November 8th.—At Charleston, S. C., Hon. James B. Campbell, a distinguished lawyer and politician, aged 75; at St. Martinsville, La., General Alcibides de Blane, prominent in public affairs and known as "the King of the Cadiens," aged 60. November 9th.—In New York, Colonel J. Condit Smith, U. S. A., and in recent years actively identified with railway enterprises, aged 43.

#### AT HOME AND ABROAD.

IT is estimated that there are 20,00 ple of Irah blood in the United States.

-LAROR numbers of Chinese laborers are being landed on American shores with false certificates

-BRITISH imports for October increased over \$8,000,000 compared with the same mouth last year

-Four years ago the railway mileage in the twelve Southern States was 17,000. It is now 26,000.

-The Municipal Council of Paris has rejected, by a vote 59 to 8, a Radical proposal to re-establish the National Guard.

-SENATOR BLAIR'S Labor Investigating Com mittee will take testimony in the Southern citi

-The British Government has issued orders for the withdrawal from Egypt of a large number of the British troops in that country.

-A TORNADO at Springfield, Mo., on the 5th instant, killed eleven persons, injured some thirty others, and destroyed a large number of houses.

-Eighty thousand children in the North of England form the "Dickey Bird Society." They are pledged to protect birds, never to desiroy a nest and to feed birds in Winter.

—Pansion money, according to the decision of a Keniucky Court, is exempt from secure for a pen-sioner's debts; but a pensioner cannot dispose of it by will to the exclusion of his creditors -THE Government of Portugal has issued a

circular despatch to the Powers insisting upon its rights over the Lower Congo River in Africa, and averring that it has no desire to interfere with the navigation of

—The Texas Legislature will meet in extra session in January. One of the questions to be deter-mined by it is whether Texas shall make an appropria-tion for a State exhibit at the World's Industrial and Cutton Centennial Exposition in New Orleans.

—Shad, which were planted in the waters of California a few years ago, are naturalizing themselves along the whole Pacific coast. They are now caught in Puget Sound, and, the Alfa believes, will soon frequent river and harbor between San Francisco -During the past week eighteen new engines

— DURING the pass week eighteen new engines have been placed on the Fennsylvania Railroad. They will be used on the passenger trains between Jersey City and Philadaiphik? The driving-wheels on these locometives are a x and a half feet in diameter, and are the largest driving-wheels ever oast.

-THE National Woman's Christian Temper-— THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S CITISTISM Temperance Union, while is convention at Detroit, Mich, adopted a resolution to memorialize Congress in the interest of woman suffrage, and also one to secure the calling of a non-partisan problistion convention before the party Presidential conventions of next year.

The recent Florida enactment forbidding licenses for the sale of intexicating liquors, except upon a pettion of a majority of the voters of the election district, has been considered by the Supreme Court, and the constitutionality of the Act affirmed. The people in any electior, district may beace declare absolute prohibition if they choose.

- Two-THIRDs of the cattle ranches in Wyom-— Two-Thirds of the datte randes in Wyom-ing and Montana Territories belong to Englishmen. It costs about three dollars to rear a head of cattle to its third year, when it is worth forty dollars. The greater the herd so much less the expense of the owner in rais-ing each head of cattle, for the pastures are mostly on Government lands.

—The report of the Surgeon-general says that the number of cases of sickness among the white soldiers of the army during the year was 37,697, which is at the rate of 1,802 per 1,000 of mean strength. Two hundred and fourteen white troops died, and 879 were discharged for disability. Twenty-six colored soldiers died, and 101 were discharged for disability.

"A CORBAN village," writes a traveler in that land, "is about the dirtiest place one can imagine himself to be in. They are narrow, zigzag lanes, always filled with awarms of dirty children, and the houses on either side are low wooden shauties, saldom containing more than two rooms. There is no furniture whatever in these dwellings, and the natives cook, eat and sleep on the bare floor."

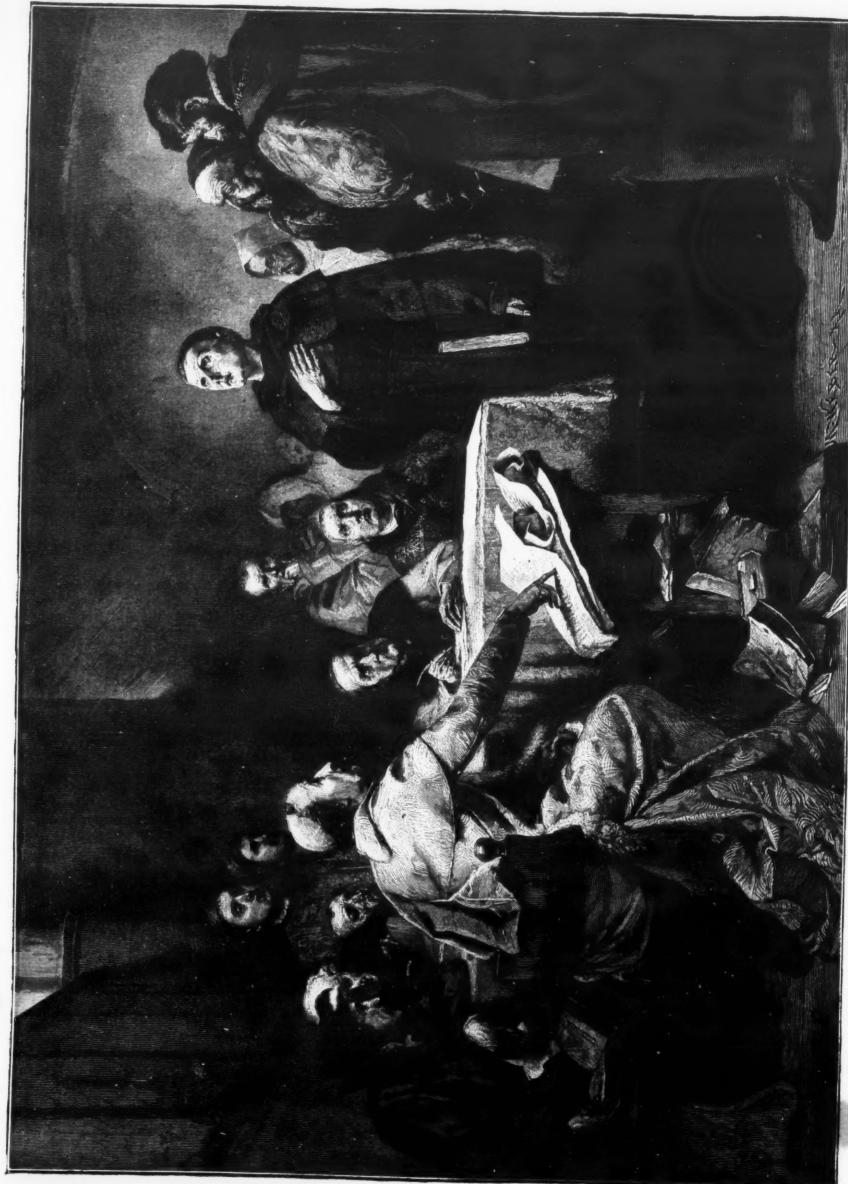
—The Department of Agriculture is preparing a circular, to be sent to all the dairy men of the United States, asking for reperts as to the number of cowe kept, the number of gallons of milk used for making of butter, and also for the manufacture of cheese and the expense of the same. Commissioner Leving thus hopes to get a complete census of the dairy business of the country, which, he thinks, will be very valuable.

A CHORUS of 150 voices among the Welsh —A CHORUS of 150 voices among the Weish miner, and their families at Scrauton, Pa., has been organized to cross the Allandic and compete in the musical festival at Liverpool next August. The singers will be backed by the cost companies and the business mes of Northeastern Pennsylvania with all the money needed to carry out the enterprise. The cho'r and those who will accompany it to Liverpool will probably number 400 persons.

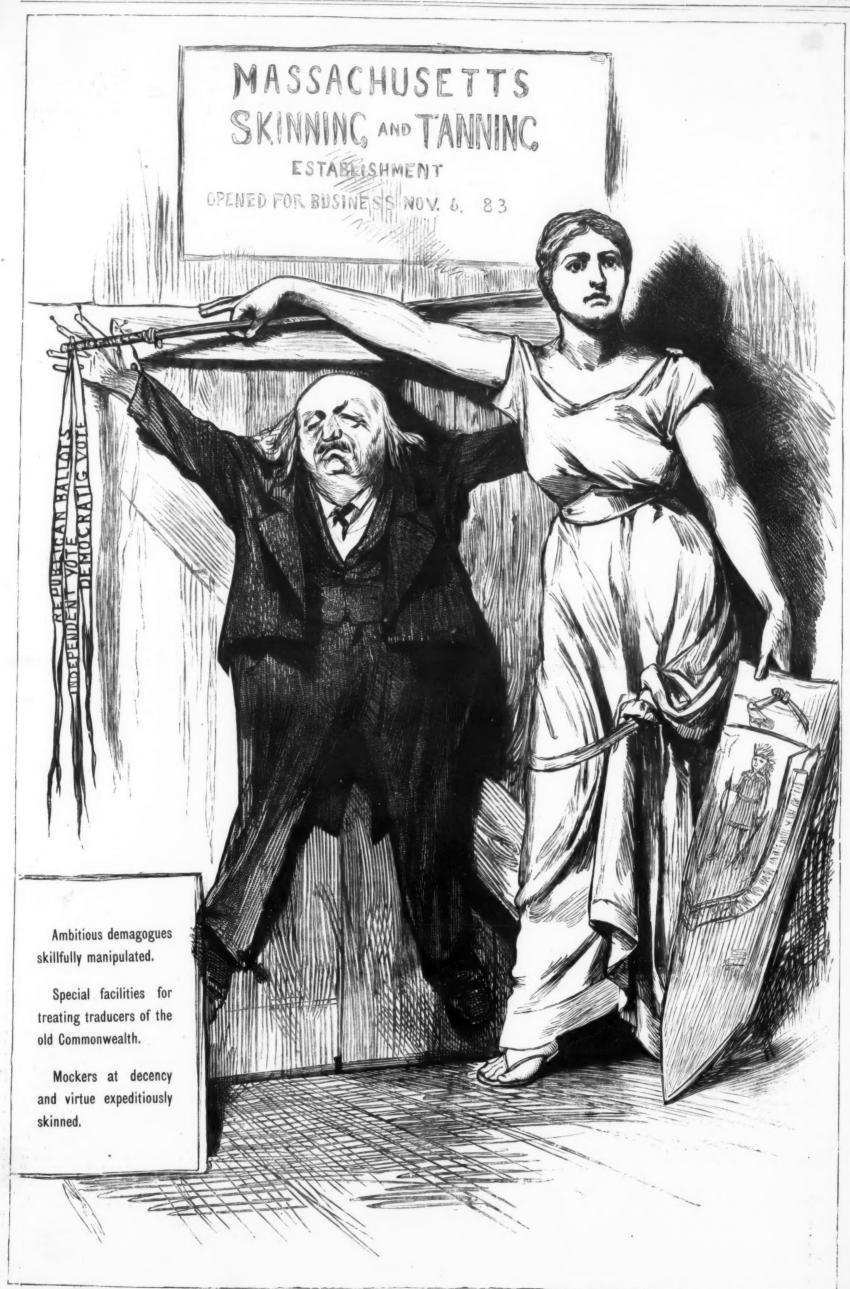
-Twelve new Justices of the Supreme Court — Twelve new Justices of the Supreme Court were elected last week, pursuant to the amendment of the Constitution adopted last year. They are to take their seals on the first Monday of June next. The Supreme Court of the State will then consist of forty-ax justices instead of thirty-four, as new. The number of districts, which is eight, remains the same. But, instead of four departments, as at present, there will be five under the new system, and a general term will be held in each one. in each one.

-Massachuserrs seems to have gone crazy in the matter of wagers on the result of the late el the matter of wagers on the result of the late election. Nearly every other man lost or won something, if it was only a cigar or a wheelbarrow ride. Many cases are reported of positive bankrupher on the part of the men who never bet before, but whose overseen ng condidence led them to risk all they were worth on the doughty Butler's election. A case in point is that of a well to-do trademan on North Market Street, in Boston, who pledged his moner and has store, mortewed his house. pledged his money and his store, mortgaged be house and even his ferniture to back the old man, and to-day he is penniless.

—Canada is making great progress as a manufacturing country. Official statistics show that her production of cotton fabrics has trebled since 1879, that her woolen trade has nearly doubled in the same period, and that whereas in 1878 most of the sugar consumed to the progress of the sugar consumed. in the Dominion was refined elsewhers, Canada now re fines more than is sufficient for her own needs. But perhaps the best test of the prosperity of a State is the c dition of railway traffic. From 1875 the train rom in Canada increased from 17,680 168 to 27,846,411, the earnings from \$19,470,539 to \$29,027,789, and the weight of freight carried from 5,670,836 tons to over 18,575,787 tons



LUTHER QUARTO-CENTENNIAL-LUTHER IN AUGSBURG BEFORE CARDINAL CAJETAN, 1518,- APTER THE PICTURE BY W. Lindenschmit.- Ser Page 199.



THE NEW INDUSTRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

# THE WAGES OF SIN.

By PROF. CLARENCE M. BOUTELLE.

CHAPTER I .- THE EMPTY HOUSE

OME one says that "character is what a man is; reputation, what men believe him to be." It that be true it might be more modest for me to take my journal, and a package or two of old letters which I have just spread out on my table before me, and carry them across the hall to the room of the carry them across the hall to the room of the young gentleman who writes stories and poems for his daily bread. Perhaps I should say to him, "My dear young friend, I tear I may be unjust to myselt, or to others, in what I thought to write, and so I will ask you to undertake the work for me. You will find the facts in this book and these letters. I am always at home, just across the hall, and shall be clid to answer any questions you may care be glad to answer any questions you may care to ask. Your imagination is vivid, for it has been well trained. So write, for me and the

world, the story of my life."

I say perhaps I ought to do this, but I shall not. If I am unjust, it shall be because of error, not because of intent: I shall not need the imagination of the professional romancer, if it is a fact that truth is stranger than fiction; and no one can write the story of my life but

myself. Twenty years ago I atood one December afternoon, before the mirror in my room. This is the picture I saw: A strong and well-built young man of thirty years; height, five feet eleven; weight, one hundred and eighty; hair. a wavy brown; eyes, a clear gray; face, earnest and honest; a light mustache shading a firm mouth, with small and regular teeth; good clothes, easily and naturally worn, as though the owner were used to fashion and its garb. I stood there only a moment, while I arranged some garment, but the pleasant picture of youth and happiness and prosperity which the glass threw back to me has remained with me all my life.

I left my room a moment later, and descended myself.

I left my room a moment later, and descended to the street.

It was almost night. The gathering darkness promised that day should soon be done.
The wind was cold, and it whirled the light
snow which had fallen earlier in the afternoon
into little drits and ridges about the street into little dri.ts and ridges about the street corners. All persons who could be within doors seemed to have left the street, and those whose work had kept them late were hurrying home. Why I went into the street when I had a warm and pleasant home in which to stay, I cannot tell. Had I not done so, however, the story of my life would be a very different one from the one I have to write our perhaps. I should not have one

write, or, perhaps, I should not have one worth the writing at all.

I walked rapidly along, smoking my cigar as I went, and had soon left the busy city streets far behind me and was out in the halfcountry, half city region, marked by the pres-ence of large mansions, each standing in digni-fied grandeur in its large and park-like plat of ground, but from which the wealthy builders and original owners had fled long ago when the sordid business part of the life of the great city flowed in a huge wave of manufacture and trade all around them.

The sight was at once grand and gloomy. Just opposite me, both to the right and left, were great houses, which had evidently stood for many years. The fences around them were broken in many places, and had not been painted for so long that it was a matter of no little difficulty to tall what the opicinal color. little difficulty to tell what the original color had been. In most of the enormous yards the trees had not been trimmed for years, and the branches bent low over the long and dead grass which rustled in the wind which swung the leafless boughs sullenly over it. Gates were broken, or gone altogether. Huge dead bodies of weeds stood side by side with the leafless flower-stalks, which shook and shuddered in the wintry gusts, and mutely spoke of Summers dead and gone.

And all around I could see huge signboards. and tall chimneys. They blazoned the triumph of thrift by day. But they seemed to mock the decay of homes in the half-light of rapidly comics wight.

coming night. Across the street from me, every house was lighted up. I could see through the uncur-tained windows in more than one, and learn that the one time homes of the rich had be-come the sordid dwelling-places of the poor. On my own side of the street one house stood

empty. All the others seemed like those across the way.

I stood before the empty house, and looked at it. It was a large brick structure, and looked as though it might be in good repair. It seemed to have a personality, as all old houses always do, and it looked interesting. I suppose that nine out of every ten people have looked at the windows high up in the gable of some house they have seen, and imagined them to be eyes and the house a living thing. But with all their watching few have ever seen so sinister a looking house as the one before me was.

It stood, perhaps, a dozen rods from the sidewalk, and a dozen feet higher. The garden was a wilderness of grass and brambles. evergreens were so many and so large and dense that they must have made the brightest

y dark in there among them.
A light and fleecy covering of snow showed here and there against the dark green of the trees and the blackness below them.

The gate hung by one rusty hinge, and swung back and forth with a complaining creak. I moved a few steps further, and saw a board nailed to a tree near the walk. And on the board this inscription :

" FOR RENT-INQUIRE NEXT DOOR."

I stood still and read it twice. I walked back to the creaking gate and looked up the path again. The great glassy eyes of the house, shining high up in the gable, were on knowing nothing of his death, let him have

growing darker and less distinct, but the wicked and sinister expression seemed wicked and sinister expression seemed to have deepened. I grasped my walking-stick a little more firmly without thinking what I was doing. I lighted another cigar, standing in front of the house, and started to continue my walk. Opposite the sign I stopped to read the few simple words again. I, with as fine a home as any young man with a rich father and a wise mother and a pleasant and kind and a wise mother and a pleasant and kind brother had in all the great city; I, with no need of any house other than that in which I had lived all my life; I, accounted steady and sensible, was actually allowing myself to think of going in and looking at the house. I tried to argue my other self out of the notion (I think you know by experience how hard that sometimes is) and I failed. I tried to laugh it all off. I couldn't do it. I "inquired next door," moving quickly along to the house just beyond the sign I had read.

A rough looking but kindly-appearing man came to the door, and, standing in the doorway so that it would have been impossible for me to have entered had I wished to do so, he looked me over critically and inquiringly. I waited a little, but he did not speak.

"I would like to ask about the house I just

A look of genuine interest, mingled with a little surprise and suspicion, came up into his lace. Then, with a voice, that, to the ear of one used to reading the thoughts of men in their tones, rather than in their words, seemed to say that a negative was the only possible

to say that a negative was the only possible answer for a sensible man to give, he asked:

"You don't want to take it, do you?"

"I can scarcely say until I see it," I answered, not stopping to think that I was not telling the exact truth. "I suppose you can show it to me to-night, can you not?"

"Excuse me, sir," he said, and I fancied he spoke more roughly than the occasion warranted. "you have made a mistake. I have

ranted, "you have made a mistake. I have ranted, "you have made a mistake. I have nothing to do with the house. The man on the other side can give you the key and answer your questions."

"Thank you," said I, and extending a cigar asked him if he would smoke.

He took the cigar, and accepted the light I offered him. Then he stood for a minute, or more, looking quietly at me through the smoke.

"Jo you belong in this part of the city!" he asked, suddenly.

"No, but — "

"No, but —"
"I like your looks, young man," he interrupted, although he didn't seem to be addressing me directly, but rather to be thinking aloud. "Shall I tell you something?"
"It you will," said I.
"Well, then, you don't want that house!"
"Why not?"
"I'd rather not say."

"Why not?"
"Id rather not say."
"But I couldn't refuse to take a suitable house without a reason for my action, could I?"
"Well, no, I suppose not. I'll tell you," he said, lowering his voice and coming a little nearer to me, "they say it's haunted."
I threw back my head and laughed. I was as free from tain of superstition as—as you are, kind reader.

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"I don't much blame you for laughing," said my rough looking friend, and he said it more good naturedly than I should have expected from him. "I laughed two years ago myself. But no one has kept the house over a fortnight in all that time. And the lights that are seen and the noises that are heard are simply horrible." simply horrible.

"Who sees and hears these horrors?"
"Oh, those who have tried to live there mostly, but passers by have had enough of it,

Walk over to the corner and have a glass of beer," said I, as I noticed the gaze of the man wander in the direction of that evidence of modern civilization, the low drinking-place. "I don't care if I do," he answered, "story-telling is dry work, and there is quite a history to the house."

"But about the lights and noises," I insisted, bringing him back to the place where he had lett off, "have you ever seen or heard

anything ?

"But you've lived in the next house all this time? Two years, did you say?"

He had evidently never thought of it in that way before, and the question seemed to trouble him.

"You see the trees are very thick between the two houses," he commenced; but he saw

that the explanation would be rather a weak one, and he relapsed into silence again.

"Never mind what has been seen and heard," said I, after a little, "but tell me the history of the house to which you just referred."

"Parham it isn't

"Perhaps it isn't a very remarkable one, ter all. You see, there was a man murdered "Perhaps it isn't a after all. You see, there was a man murdered in there two years ago. No one knew very much about the people who lived there then, but they thought they knew them all by sight, and this man was a stranger to the entire mischborhood. No one had ever seen him before, and yet it looked very much as though he belonged in the house. The people who he belonged in the house. The people who lived there—that is those who were known to live there-claimed that they had never seen him. And they also claimed that they knew nothing about his death. Those who were disposed to be friendly to them, and, although they were very aristocratic and associated very little with any of us, nearly all did desire to be triendly, hinted that the two positions which they took and maintained so earnestly could not both be held to the last. I have some times thought since that we all wanted to see them adopt a story which would look plausible, and then stick to it. I have wondered since, whether we didn't doubt their being innocent, and simply hope to clear them from the first. That being so, we thought that if the man was an outsider they should have made a claim of

been a fugitive of some kind, hiding away foes, and let those unknown enemies from

from foes, and let those unknown enemies have the credit of his mysterious taking off.

"I hope you understand me. We didn't so much desire that these suspected people should tell what was not true, as we did feel that one of our theories would be more natural. But the story they told when the dead body was found was the story they stuck to. It had just the two points I have mentioned; that they had never seen the dead man before, and they had never seen the dead man before, and that they knew nothing of his death. I pre-aume the case didn't get an eighth of a column a day in any of the daily papers, and as the coroner's verdict ended it it didn't last long. There was an inquest. No one in the neigh-There was an inquest. No one in the neighborhood had ever seen the man, or, at least, no one could be found who would admit that he had. The family swore uniformly and straightforwardly that they had never seen him until the morning when he was found dead in their house. They proved an alibi in each and every case for themselves, and, despite what seemed to be very honest and earnest demands on their part for a thorough earnest demands on their part for a thorough examination, the authorities declined to hold them for trial. The dead body was not identified. And, after the funeral of the unknown dead, the living tenants suddenly left the house

and have never been seen since by any one here. Then the ghost came, so they say, and there you have the whole story."

I thanked the man, paid for the refreshments we had had, and turned my steps towards home. I walked with the man who had warned my sage far as well as the same than the same th home. I waited with the warned me against the haunted house as far as his own gate, and bade him good-night.

"You'll scarcely go in to look at the house

to night?" he asked

No, I shall look elsewhere," answered L "No, I shall look elsewhere," answered I.

"For REXT—INQUIRE NEXT DOOR." These were the words staring me in the face again. But I resolutely passed them by. Then came the house, seeming to me to look down over the gate at me, with its baleful eyes half-wailed by night. A sudden memory of my boyhood came rushing back upon me. I had spent a Summer with an uncle in the country when I was sixteen, and had occasion to resure a couple of little boys from the teasing when I was sixteen, and had occasion to rescue a couple of little boys from the teasing and torment of a stout young man. Looking at the house, it reminded me of the young felfow's face as he stood and glared at me while he said, over and over again, "You daren't touch me; you know you daren't!" Well, I had thrashed the stout young man, and now I walked to the next house and knocked. I heard the distant hells in the city quarreling heard the distant bells in the city quarreling and clamoring over the hour of nine as I stood on the step and waited.

A woman came to the door, a young woman, but old looking and careworn, and untidily

dressed.

"The house beyond is for rent, I believe?"
"Yes, sir, and I hope we shall secure a good tenant soon."

I should like to look at the house."

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"It's very late, sir, and my husband is not at home, and—and—could you call again?"

"I can come to morrow," said I.

"To-morrow I shall be away myself, and shall not be back for a week," said she, "but still we don't like to lose a possible tenant."

She hesitated a little, and then added, "I can leave my daughter with the baby, and go and show you over the house to-night, if you wish."

"I should scarcely like to ask you to do

'I should scarcely like to ask you to do that, and I don't believe it necessary. Why
may I not have the key, look over the house
at my leisure, and return it after you get
back? In a week, you said."
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"I have no wish to appear suspicious of any one," she said, "and I want you to understand that any feeling I may have is not personal, but general, professional, if you like the term better. And, as the rent of the house is forty dollars a month, why, if you want any information which you think you can find inside, you can have the house a week for—"

"Well," said I, impatiently, as she paused.

"For ten dollars," and she held out both her hands, and one of them had the key in it.

"You seem to have the key handy," said I.

"I thought it worth my while to be pre-

"You seem to have the key handy," said I.
"I thought it worth my while to be pre-"I thought it worth my while to be prepared for you after seeing you talking to the neighbor on the other side of the house."
"So you think I am—"I commenced.
"A detective? Certainly." And she looked straight into my eyes and laughed again.
"I suppose you put the sign away over next the other house in order to keep watch of these who are likely to answer its invita-

of those who are likely to answer its invita-

tion. "Now I know," she said, "for no one but a will pardon me, it's cold standing here, and if you will pardon me, it's cold standing here, and if you want the chance to see what bare walls and desolate rooms will tell you, why, you

can have a chance to study it a week for the small sum of ten dollars."

I stood a minute looking at the woman.
Here was I, Paul Vailoche, son of a rich banker a trusted officer in his banker. banker, a trusted officer in his bank, a happy inhabitant of his home. And what was I doing? Meditating taking a house which I had never seen before. Interested in what had no connection with me. Suspected of being a detective. It seemed about time to

end this farce and go home. "You daren't touch me. You know you daren't!"

The words of that long past, boyish episode flashed through my mind again and settled it I paid the woman the money. handed me the key. She shut the door in my

I put the key in my pocket and started for ome. Something seemed drawing me back through the darkness toward the house-my house-for a week.

house—for a week.

I walked a couple of blocks, stopped, hesitated, lighted my last cigar with my last match, and turned back.

I paused a moment at the rusty gate, which

was creaking more dolefully than ever, and

then I moved slowly up the rough and over-grown walk to the door I put in the key. It required an effort to turn it, but it was done at last, and I carefully stepped into the hall. A sudden blast came hurrying through hall. A sudden blast came hurrying through the garden, tossing the snow from the struggling and writhing trees, and wailed and moaned among the shrubs and grasses like a lost spirit. It came rushing around the lonely house, and before I guessed that there could be any danger the door awang shut. I laid my hand on the knob almost instantly, and attempted to open the door. It was impossible. A few seconds convinced me that the door fastened with a spring lock. The key was on the outside. The door was too strong to break down. There were probably ways in which own. There were probably ways in which could easily get out of the house when day-ight came. But I had no means of making a light came. But I had no means of making a light, and I should have hesitated about wan-dering about in an unknown house at night if I had one. There was evidently nothing to do but sit down and wait quietly for morning. "The new tenant has moved in sooner than

he expected," I said to myself, with a very melancholy attempt at humor.

CHAPTER II .- MY NIGHT IN THE STRANGE HOUSE.

T BELIEVE I am not a coward. I think the reader will agree that my action in going back and going into the house at all that night will be taken as proof that I was not lacking in courage. But I must confess that my heart beat very fast as I sat in the hall and listened to the voices of the night outside. The wind was raving more than ever, and all nature seemed holding one grand carnival of tempest and storm.

and storm.

I slept after a while, and without waiting so very long a time either, for the bells were striking eleven when I leaned up against the door which held me a prisoner and slowly drifted into the world of dreams.

I had never been a believer in ghosts. I believe I am not now. But there are some things among the events of that night which are hard to explain, upless spirits do come

believe I am not now. But there are some things among the events of that night which are hard to explain, unless spirits do come back and live over again the past events of their lives. Perhaps I dreamt. I only know that it seemed then, and has seemed ance, that I was awake; and some of the things that I saw (or seemed to see) were real enough, while some were the mere shadows of a lived-out past. I shall tell the events of the night as though they really occurred, and as they seemed to happen. I had slept an hour, then, when I was awakened by a slight noise somewhere near me. The distant bells were tolling the hour of midnight. The wind was hushed again. The voice which I had heard and felt in my sleep was silent now. I was sleepy and tired, and not in the least frightened, when suddenly I saw something which brought me to my feet with all my sense alert in an instant. in an instant.

in an instant.

A line of light extended through the darkness, evidently coming from the keyhole of a room at the left of the hall. I took my walking-stick in my hand, and walked directly to the door and opened it. The room which I entered was elegantly furnished and well lighted. The description which I confided to my journal the next day is too long and of too little importance to be repeated here. I shall mention every feature of special importance. Enough to say now that the room was a fair Enough to say now that the room was a fair type of the parlor of people with moderate wealth and excellent taste.

I had scarcely had time to take in the details of the room, when I heard a step coming up the walk. I have made a study of the way in which men walk, as well as of the way in which they speak, and I applied these adjectives to the man I heard making his way towards the house, long before he had reached the front door-angry, desperate, determined.

He opened the front door and stepped into the hall without the least hesitation. I heard him coming towards the room in which I was standing, and the thought came to me to do the simple and rapid thing which I had read of more than one character in fiction doing, when in need of concealment. I did it; seated myself in one of the low and broad windows and let the curtains fall before me.

The man entered the room. He was very dark, very handsome, and looked very dis-

sipated.
"Well," he said, with a wicked glance around the room, "this is a pretty snug little den for a man to fall into who hasn't had a home for a year. I guess I'll make myself at

He opened, one after another, all the many doors which led from the room, making various remarks to himself as he moved from one to the next.
"Oh, this is the place," he said, at last, as

he opened the door of a room almost opposite the window where I was seated. It was a small bedroom, at the left hand and

back side of the parlor, and I judged had a window in the left-hand wall as one entered it; that is, since the house faced the east, the south wall; but I could not see it from where I sat. He placed his hat and overcoat on hooks in the room, laid his overshoes on a chair, opened a drawer or two in the bureau, to which he transferred the contents of his value, turned back the bedding as though about to retire, removed his coat, which he laid across the foot of the bed, took a cigar, and came back to the parlor where he stood over the register evidently enjoying the warmth, while I noticed that he smoked with the leisurely air

I noticed that he smoked with the leisurely air of a man very well satisfied with himself.

"I guess some one will have a surprise party," he said to hinself, with a low, ugly laugh, "I think it is my turn to have things my own way for a time. Let me see," he said, with a sudden start, "there is one thing which I might as well put out of sight. It will be best, whether I meet resignation and humility or war and resistance. I must not let any one

know all the cards in my game. That must be taken care of.

He walked slowly into the bedroom, took out his pocketbook from his coat pocket, re-moved something which looked like a letter, laid the pocketbook on the bureau, and came back into the room. "Where shall I put it?" he said to himself.

musingly: "it must be where she won't find it, and still where it would be found if if anything should happen to me!"

He looked about him for a time, and at last stooped down and crowded it down behind the

wainscoting beneath one of the windows.

"There," he said, with satisfaction expressed in both voice and manner—"there, they can't carry it off if they give me the slip with their furniture again. And she won't find it, because she won't be looking for anything, while the authorities would find it in a thing, while the authorities would find it in a half-hour if they ever wanted to search the house—for any reason!"

I heard another step on the walk outside -the step of a woman this time. "A woman who has seen sorrow, who has escaped from

it, and whose steps hesitate between gladness and dread," was my mental verdict.

She opened the door, and stepped into the room a moment later. A groan broke from her lips. She did not make a motion to remove her wraps or raise her vail, but stood facing the man, who had turned as she came into the

"I'm here," said he, sullenly, "and I have come to stay. You've eluded me and cheated me and defrauded me long enough. I shall never let you escape me again. I meant, once, to make your life a happy one; now I only mean to seek my own happiness. You have wealth. Once I would have accepted a very wedent a rectified in the second have accepted a very moderate portion and have gone away and left you to enjoy the rest as you chose; now I choose to enjoy it with you."

She moved a step or two nearer to him and appeared to ask him a question.
"A hundred thousand dollars?" said he, in

answer; "a hundred thousand dollars for my silence and your marriage certificate? No, not for a hundred million! That is final! What—what—woman, are you mad? Would you murder me? I tell you, you will not find it here. It will do you no good."

The words were spoken hurriedly, and he sprang forward and attempted to grasp her

arm. There was a quick flash and a sudden report; the man looked with wide open eyes of terror at the woman, and swayed back and forth clutching at the air, while she stepped back a couple of paces and stood watching him.

"I told you not to cross my path again," she said, in a voice which I felt must be strained and unnatural, "and I told you you would be taking your life in your hand it you did. You have made my life a long, horrible, desolate failure, and I am willing to go to the gallows if I can only go over your grave."

And she raised her revolver and fired again. And she raised her revolver and fired again. This time the man went down. She stepped directly over him, and went straight to the little bedroom. She opened the pocketbook and began to look over the papers. I saw her leave money untouched, but she took other papers. One of them she put in her pocket; the others she held in the flame of the gas-jet until there was nothing left but ashes. Then she went to one of the long windows, the middle one on the south side of the room, a window which opened to the floor, and seemed to unlock it, went out, seemed to lock it again, and I saw nothing more and heard nothing more of her. I could not move. I could not go for help. I could not go to the prostrate man. But I sat and gazed at him in horror until I could look no longer, and sleep came to relieve my overwrought system. When I awoke it was broad daylight. I found myself lying on the window-ledge of a room which examination showed me was the front room at the left of the hall. There were no curtains before me. The room was empty and bare. But the doors and windows were where I had seen them the night before. I found the little room. There were marks on the floor to show where the bedstead and bureau had stood. They were as I had seen them.

The middle window had a lock. All the others simply fastened inside.

The more I searched the more I was con-

vinced that there was something other than a whited that there was something other than a mere dream in my experience of the night. I found the paper behind the wainscot, and, although it didn't seem very remarkable to me, it was still one element in the case, and a very important one when I thought of it in connection with the possible objections that might be made to my story of what I had seen.

found no difficulty in getting out. cured the key. I was fortunate enough to get to the street without being seen by any one.

(To be continued,)

# Fishes with a Language.

A WRITER in the Philadelphia Times, writing of his experiences among the fishermen of Marble-head, says: "Among the fishes here that utter sounds are the dogfish, the cunner, angler, etc. The former, as might be expected, utters a short bark something like that of a dog. In all about fity fishes are known that have a language. Our skipper informs us that when he was 'a-whalin' ' he has heard whales cry out, and that blackfish utter a strange sound is a common belief along the coast but as these are mammals it might be expected. I is difficult to determine how the sound is made. In some it is due to the action of the pneumatic duct and swimming-bladder, while in others it may be made involuntarily by the lips or the pharyngeal or intermaxiliary bones. In the curious trigla that one of the party landed the swimming-bladder has a diaphragm and muscles for opening and closing it, producing a genile, nurmuring sound. In the catilishes that are noted 'talkers,' the sounds are reduced by their forcing air from the air bladder into the exophagus. This is also the case with the eel, whose voice is said to be the most musical of all fishes, having a metallic trill to it. Perhaps the some it is due to the action of the pneumatic duct

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loudest-voiced fish is the grunt—a fish of the genus \*Hazmilin—their noise having been heard two hundred feet away.

"That fishes uttered sounds was well known to the ancients, Aristotle mentions a fish by the name of choires, or pig, as inhabiting the River Clitor, in the Mediterranean, and as being one of the fishes that have the power of emitting sounds. On a visit to Battocaria, on the north coast of Ceylon, Sir Emerson Tennent heard wonderful tales of musical sounds that were alleged to issue from the bottom of the lake, and on the lake, in a boat, on a caim night, he distinctly heard, he says, the sounds. They came up from the water like the gentle thrills of a musical chord or the faintest vibrations of a wine-glass when its rim is rubbed by a wet finger. It was not one sustained note, but a multitude of tiny sounds, each clear and distinct in It-elf. In the days of old Rome ee's were believed to talk, and the Emperor Augustus professed to understand their language. The loudest sounds are made by the pagonias, or drum fish, and the prinontus, called the pig-fish on the Jersey coast, because of the loud croaks it gives utterance to when drawn to the shore in nets. Professor Baird, who investigated this, has expressed the opinion that the sounds came from the belly of the fish. The malgre makes a strange, cooing noise, not unlike a moan, accompanied by a sharp croak, which has been heard a: a depth of two hundred feet. Another genus of this fish is called by the Italians corroy, or crow. The sound of a bell, which is occasionally heard from the depths of the Mediterranean Sea, is attributed by some to the corvo, while others think that shelly mollusks produce these singular rounds. The sleeper in his berth has often been startled by the peculiar noises made by the drumfish on our own coast, and Sir John Richardson says that he was prevented from sleeping by the noise made by these fish when off the coast of Carolina."

Lieutenant John White also says that on his voyage to China, when his ship was anchored

#### The Underground Press in Russia.

UNDERGROUND Russia has a bold and for the most part vigorous periodical press. The printers of Land and Liberty boast that they have issued fifteen proclamations and pamphlets; those of the Will of the People claim to have put into circulation two periodicals and thirteen proclamations, or, in all, 52,600 separate printed sheets. Abroad, the revolutionary group of Russian anarchists issued 3,000 copies and two appeals to the people, while the Forward party published eight pamphlets and two appeals to the people, making altogother 3i,500 copies. The circulation of the Will of the l'eople is copies. The circulation of the Will of the Veople is said to vary from 1,500 to 3,000 of each number, while the Aram B-Vi is distributed every month to 1,500 persons. This may be thought a small circulation, when regard is had to the eagerness with which publications of this kind are read all over Russia, not only by those actually belonging to secret societies, but also by people who either sympathize with conspiracy or merely look upon it as spectators. On the other hand it must be remembered that forbidden literature of this kind is carefully passed from hand to hand, so that, without any exaggeration, it may be said that a copy reaches no fewer, at the lowest estimate, than a hundred readers. And when the perils of printing and distribution are called to mind, it will be at once seen that "2,000 copies" is a circulation not small, but dangerously large.

# Jay Gould's Tomb.

A MAUSOLEUM is being constructed for the Gould family, in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York, which is impressive by reason of its simplicity, harmony of design and massiveness. Its form is that of an Ionic temple, raised on a platform three steps above the level of the sward surrounding it. The workmen say that the foundation of the platform is a mass of concrete, that makes it practically a single stone, eight feet in thickness by thirty-six or more in length, and twenty eight in width. structure is wholly of finely hammered Westerly granite, without a single band or panel or other surface that is polished. Thirty graceful columns, surface that is polished. Thirty graceful columns, eleven feet high by thirteen inches in diameter, surround the mausoleum and add to the support of its massive roof. Space for twenty bodies is afforded within. In the front of the tomb will be a bronze door of Grecian design, pierced so as to afford a view of the interior. A window representing a choir of angels will occupy the space now left in the rear wall. It is understood that the inner walls will be of delicately shaded marbles, arranged so as to present simple and pleasing effects.

walls will be of delicately shaded marbles, arranged so as to present simple and pleasing effects. No brick or metal is employed in the construction of the tomb, excepting the bronze doors and the necessary lead in the window. It stands in the centre of a circular plot of three or four acres, on the highest ground in the cemetery, and is surrounded only by grass, not a single tree or shrub as yet rising on this ground.

# The Teeth of the Nation.

THERE are about 17,000 dentists in the United States, and they pack into the teeth of the American save the Cleveland Herald, a ton of pure gold every year. About five times that weight of less precious metal, such as silver, platinum and tin, goes the same way. It is estimated that this ount of metal is worth \$1,000,000, and that if the present dental methods are kept up, all the coin in the United States will have been buried in the grave-yards by the time the twenty first century rolls around. It is said that the demand to general tistry is rapidly growing every year. This is accounted for in part by the fact that many people with false teeth insist upon having them filled, so that counted for in part by the fact that many people with false teeth Insist upon having them filled, so that they may seem all the more natural. There are about 4,000,000 false teeth manufactured in this country every year. The business of dentistry is not what it used to be, however, and prices have come down wonderfully since the days when the leading operators could afford to retire after a practice of eight or nine years. Still, there seems plenty of work to be done in the future, seeing that the decay of teeth is increasing. Two hundred years ago one person in five had sound teeth. A hundred years ago but one person in twenty-five had perfect teeth; and in this nineteenth century age of reform our very latest statistics show that but one person in eighty has perfectly sound teeth.

# THE ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Professor Ray Lancaster says that one of the most remarkable results of the F sheries Exhibition has been the conclusion arrived at that they knew next to nothing of the habits and life history of the most important fishes.

Germany has 500 mills for the manufacture of wood termany has 500 miles for the manufacture of wode-pulp. Such a degree of perfection has been attained in the treatment that even for the better qualities of pyper the wood-pulp is substituted for pulp made from regs. It constitutes seventy-five per cent. of the paper stock used throughout Germany.

The Observatory of Paris is about to publish a cata The Observatory of Paris is moon to publish a case logue of the stars observed to Paris during the forty-five years from 1837 to 1881 inclusive. The catalogue records about 300,000 observations, of which 120,000 were made during the last five years of the period covered, and gives the places of 40,000 stars.

The Introduction of Electricity as a substitute for lamps and candles on board ship is making rapid progress. There is one source of safety in this to the ship and the passengers. All lights are put out at eleven o'clock. After this time people may talk in the dark, but there is no poss.b.lity of the reckless use of lights and lamps.

A Cotton - picking Machine has been successfully A Cotton spiraling machine has been successfully operated in South Carolina. It picks from two to three bales per day, and the cotton is of equal quality with that of hand-picked. Should the promise of this machine be fulfilled, there will be an irrepressible revolution in the relations of labor to employers in the South, as well as a great diminution of the cost of cotton.

A Non-conductor of electricity has yet to be found, for A Non-conductor of electricity has yet to be obtain, for all substances bitherto discovered are conductors of the force under certain known conditions, but those which offer a great resistance to it serve the purpose of non-conductors in practice, although they may all be either classed as good or bad conductors. The best conductor known as yet is sliver. The worst conductor is paraffine.

M. Ramon de Luna brought before the French Aca m. Ramon de Luna brought before the French Academy of Scences receutly a memoir, "Cholera from the Standpoint of Chemistry." He is led by his physiological studies to conclude that cholera is exclusively propagated through the respiratory organs, and his chemical inquiries convince him that the only safe treatment is to cause the patient to inhale with prudence by pozotic years made with a received with a revapor mixed with a.r.

Dr. Litton Forbes, surgeon-major in the Servian war, discusses the various changes taking place in the eye by which the sight is affected, and proposes to correct de-fective vision in soldiers by means of a stenopaelo sight adjuster. This consists of a disk of colored glass, per soluter. Anis consists of the provided in the

Some Progress has been made in Vienna with the electric railway, and great energy is said to characterize the management. Aircady have the working plans of the first section been lodged with the Government, and they are now receiving the examination prescribed by law as a necessary step before further work is begun. Meanwhile similar plans for the remaining sections of the ra'lway are being proceeded with.

The Results of George Atwater's study of waterspouts in the Pacific are that they are caused by a cloud heavily charged with cool moisture drifting from the high mountains of Costa Rica coming into contact with air currents and clouds traveling in a different direction and of a warmer temperature, by which contact the clouds surcharged with aqueous vapor acquire a rotary motion, causing them to discharge a part of their moisture and making them assume a cylindrical form as they fall.

Platinum has at last been found in Californ'a, after Platinum has at last been found in Califora's, after much vain search and much expense in the interest of electric companies, who value the metal because it lasts longest under the intense best that is evolved in separating the light for illumination with the least heat. Five hundred pounds of the ore reduced at Balbock's smelling works in Omaha prove it rich in platinum. It is found on Wood River, but its exact locality is not made public.

Munck and Orschansky have experimented on the effect of anomia on the effect irritability of the brain with this result; Losses of blood equal to one-seventh of the whole quantity contained in the body are without any very perceptible effect. About one-fifth of the whole blood whole lost increases the irritability, but greater losses of blood decreases it. Gradual loss of blood affects the irritability less than rapid. Between the changes of blood resures and blood results of the changes of blood affects the presure and the irritability of the the changes of blood pressure and the irritability of the brain there is no parallel.

An Officer in a Russian regiment of sappers, Lieu tenant Kondinoff, has invented an instrument for the tenant Kondinofi, has invented an instrument for the certain and easy interception of telegraph messages in time of war. The wire from which it is desired to steal a dispatch is cut and promptly joined to a small box containing the new machine. It then immediately transmits the message to a roll of paper which can be read upon the spot or sent to headquariers. The box, which weighs only about seven pounds, also contains an instrument for sending false answers to the enemy.

Fuel to Produce Electricity is thus described by Dr. Beard: The electric current is formed by the combustion of coal at a high temperature and in the presence of potassium or sodium nitrate. The fuel is shaped into bricks of convenient size and covered on the outside with asbestos paper. The interior of the bricks consists of a coal and salipetre prism separated by a thin sheet of sabestos. The bricks contain a large number of holes, which serve to facilitate the combust on and increase the number of points in contact with the salipetre. A copper wire is introduced into the coal and salipetre prisms, the ends of which form the poles of the element. One brick is capable of working an electhe element. One brick is capable of working an elec-

M. Neyreneuf has communicated to the French Acalemy of Sciences the results of experiments made by h.m on the intensity of sonorous vibrations transmitted through different gases. He placed a sound source or one s de of the gaseous chamber, and a sens tive fiam on the other, and observed the action of the flame gases tested thus far are air, carbonic oxide, I ghting gas missive power about equal. Air and lighting gas give very unequal results, probably because of the hydrogen in the latter. The resolut wary much the chemical con stitution of the coal gas employed. The transmissive power through carbonic acid is much greater than through air.

A New Fuel has been invented in Mexico, called "turbato," consisting principally of bog peat, of which there are large quantities in the country, and which is mixed with a proper proportion of bitumen or "chapopote". The fuel is made of five different descriptions, for locomotive, stationary engines, smelting purposes, smiths fires and bousehold purposes. It is said to burn freely and without much smoke, giving a higher dynamic equivalent of heat than the same amount of wood, and one very nearly as great as the best English coal. It can be manufactured and sold in Mexico as a price consider. A New Fuel has been invented in Mexico, called be manufactured and sold in Mexico at a price consider be manufactured and sold in Mexico at a price consider ably below coal or wood; looking at the daily increasing demand for fuel, the advance in the price of wood, and its growing scarcity, it is probable that there will be a good market for the new fuel. As all the ingredients necessary for its manufacture are found in inexhaust-ble quantities to Mexico, it will create a now and important industry in the republic.

#### PERSONAL GOSSIP.

GENERAL ROBERT TOOMBS, of Georgia, has ...

THE report that M. de Brazza, the African plorer, had been k lied in the Congo country, is said to be untrue.

JUDGH WILLIAM FULLERTON will not go to England to participate in the defense of O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey.

MR. J. BANCROFT DAVIS has been appointed Reporter of the United States Supreme Court. The place is worth \$10,000 a year.

RACHEL LAYTON, colored, died in Trenton, N. J., ovomber 4th, in the one hundred and sixth year of her se. She had lived in Trenton for half a century.

THE Hon. Charles Gayarré formally announces himself as a candidate for Secretary of State of Louisians, subject to the decision of the Democratic State Conven-

MR. W. S. GILBERT, the operatic partner of Sir Arthur Sullivan, has just built himself a new bouse in South Kensington, costing, exclusive of furniture, etc., more than \$150,000.

QUBEN VICTORIA has been overwhelmed with poems commemorative of the death of John Brown acknowledges them with her autograph -so that if any one desires it he has only to send an elegy.

SENATOR VANCE, of North Carolina, is reported to have said recently in speaking of his career in Washington: "I was mighty nigh dead to get there, but I'll be hanged if I am not nigher dead to get away."

As THE Marquis of Lansdowne, since taking up his residence at Ottawa, Ontario, has received several anonymous letters threatening his life, an investigation of the matter has been commenced by the Dominion

PRIROLEUM V. NASHY is now short, fat and fifty, though shill a hard and steady worker. His method when traveling is to hire a whole section in a Puliman, have the curtains drawn and the table set up, and proceed to business with a type-writer.

MR. M. E. BELL, the new Supervising Architect MR. M. E. BELL, the new Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, was borz in Chester County, Pa., and now lives, with his wife and five children, in modest style in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a boyish-look-ing man, of quiet manners, and is an active member of the Methodiat Episcopal Church.

SINCE his return to England Lord Chief Justice SENCE his return to England Lord Chief Justice Coleridge has consulted Charles Russell and other lead-ing members of the English Bar regarding the differences of procedure in the High Courts of Justice of England and America. One of the points discussed was the ad-mission of foreign lawyers to practice before the English

COLONEL INGERSOLL always signs himself COLONEL INGERSOLL always signs nimes:
Robert 6. Ingersoil. Many have wondered what the
"G." stood for. Mr. Farrell, his brother-in-law, says it
stands for Green. The colonel was named after a Congrogational minister by the name of Bariah Green, who
worked a farm during the week and preached in an
Illinois hamlet on Sundays.

MR. MOODY opened his great mission at Isling-MR. MOODY opened his great mission at asting-ton, Eugland, on the 4th instant. Four meetings were held, each of which was attended by from 4,000 to 6,000 persons. The iron hall, built for the occasion, proved to be a complete success in all its arrangements, affording scattog room for 5,800 persons. The mission promises to be exceptionally successful.

MRS. MORTON, wife of the United States Minis-MIRS. MORTON, WHE OF the United States Minister to France, has quite recovered from the effects of the accident which lately befell her. She was inhaling a medicated vapor, to cure an affection of the throat, when the inhaling apparatus got out of order and exploded. Her mouth and face was badly cut, bruised and soulded, and she was confined to her room for several days, but all traces of the injuries inflicted have now disappeared.

THE Princess Dolgorouki, the widow of the late THE Princess Dolgorouks, the widow of the late Car of Russia, who has been mandering about Europe for the last two years like an unquiet spirit, has purchased a large mans on in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne. She does not intend to live permanently in Paris, but it will be her headquarters, and abe will reside there for a few months in each year. The Princess possesses an immense fortune, which had been invested out of Russia in the lifetime of Alexander II.

THE Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise had a cordial public reception on their arrival at Liverpool from Canada, on the 5th Instant. The Marquis, in replying to the address of the Mayor, warmly extelled the Dominion of Canada and its people. He said that he had experienced great pleasure in the friendly relations which had been maintained by Canada with the tions which had been maintained by Canada with the United States, and trusted that the fr endship now ex:st ing between the two countries would ever endure

MRS. ANNA OTTENDORFER, of New York city, well known for her many and very liberal charitable and philanthropic acts, has received through the German Embassy at Washington a decoration of merit from the Empress Augusta of Germany. The decoration, which is of silver, depends from a white ribbon and is inclosed in a blue velvet case; in the centre of the decoration in a cross, surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves in blue enamel, and the following inscription: "For merit" Below the cross is the monogram of the Empress, surrounted by a crown, and the whole is surmounted by the royal crown of Prussia.

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A FAMOUS old soldier died in Waterford, Me., on the 23d ultimo, Alexander Mills, aged e ghty-two years. He was on board the Government transport Columbia, in the Seminole War, and also was in service Columbia, in the Seminole War, and also was in service on board the United States revenue cutter Jackson, stationed at New Orleans and Newport He was on board a United States ship on the Coast of Africa, and was one of the crew who innded and riddled with bullets old King Kraka, an African King. Soon after this he visited Arabia and the Holy Lend. He was in the war between Texas and Mexico, where he was severely wounded. He assisted in the bombardment of Vera Crnz and other places in Mex co, and has been a sa lur on board the Macedonian, Saratoga and Yorktown

A PRINCESS singing in a café-concert is the latest sensation in Para. The Princess P gnatelii Cerchiara is the sister of the Countess Potocka, a reigning chiara is the sister of the Countess Folicka, a reigning beauty, whose husband has recently come into possession, by the death of his father, of a fortune of some eight million dollars. The Princess Cerchiara felt aggreed that her sister, only a countess, should be religing in wealth, while she individually depended upon a small allowance paid to her by her husband, from whom he is converted, as about the religious partials and the converge by some last and the counters and the second of the counters. she is separated; so she took revenge by going to s ag at a variety show known as the Concert of La Scala. On the occasion of her first appearance, the society beaux mingled with the smoking and beer drinking habitues of mingled with the smoking and near crinking nations in the place; but the process, imposing though fine per-sonal presence and d'amond coronet might be, proved a very indifferent chanteuse, and the crowd grew ironical, then insulting. Monawhile the lady receives \$60 per evening from the manager, and Paris is ringing with

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE.

Not often is it granted to men, public or private, to witness the celebration of their ninety-ninth birthdays; and still more rare is it for one who has gained popularity in his prime to sustain it after so many Winters have besieged his brow. But the philanthropist, while his means last and his broad sympathies endure, may go on in his good work unhindered by those infirmities which are the ordinary attendants upon advanced age. This fact, chiefly, accounts for the universal in terest and acclamation with which the good Sir Moses Monteflore is greeted as he enters upon the hundredth yet of an illustrious life.

The Monteflore who, in his ninety-seventh year, telegraphed to Palestine the request that prayers should be offered in the Holy City's synagogues for our death-stricken President, Garfield. Sir Moses and still more rare is it for one with the stricken President, Garfield. Sir Moses dwells in a quaint and venerable-looking lodge at Ramsgate, and still conducts a large correspondant.

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We had come over the night before, eight miles from Vesuvius, the nearest station on the Shenan-doah Valley Raliroad, crossing Mount Wilkie at an elevation of 3,500 feet; had slept, or tried to, at Monte Bello, a hospitable hamlet of three or four log cabins, and a combination store and post-office, with a weekly mail; had risen before dawn, breakfasted before light, and were now, shortly after sunrise, three miles down the course of the Tye River, ready to begin the ascent and study of the falls. We were four in all—the Jersey guide, the artist, the tourist and the author. The Crabtree is not a large stream: in one or two places the entire body of water is compressed into a shooting jet not more than six inches in diameter, but, with the economy of nature, nothing is lost in artistic effect. The forest is so dense that scarcely can the sunlight pierce it. Stately oaks, wide-spreading maples and hickories, the birch and beech, with an occa-



Moses and Judith Monteflore deeply interested themselves; in the Jews of the Holy Land, which they first visited together in 1827. Devoting themselves to philanthropy, they took up good causes of all kinds, and bestowed their gifts far and wide. They visited Syria after the desolating earthquakes of 1837, and by personal ministrations and gifts of money materially alleviated the sufferings of the wretched survivors at Safed and Tiberias. Knighted by the Queen in her coronation year, Sir Moses Monteflore in 1840 visited Egypt to intercede with Michemet Ali for the Jews of Damascus, who were suffering persecution on a charge of having used by the Queen in her coronation year, Sir Moses Montedore in 1840 visited Egypt to intercede with Mehemet Ali for the Jews of Damascus, who were suffering persecution on a charge of having used Christian blood for their Passover rites. The mission was eminently successful; and a later Pasha of Egypt, like the Pharanoh of old, sent his son to Moses to be educated. Sir Moses has visited Palestine seven times, chiefly in the interest of his oppressed co-roligionists, and has devoted a vast deal of time and money to the cause of raising their status in the Holy Land. He visited Russia in 1846, with the purpose of doing something for the cruelly oppressed Russo-Jewish communities under the Czar Nicholas, and succeeded in inducing that iron handed autocrat to withdraw several severe ukases, as well as to facilitate the benefactoriot's tour of mercy through the chief towns of Russia and Poland. In his eightheit pyear Sir Moses undertook a journey to Morocco, and prevailed upon the Sherred to grant a firman which greatly ameliorated the condition of his Jewish bubjects. Other expeditions of the venerable benefactoral was an analysis of the venerable benefactoral was also and the public bodies of the residence of Sir Moses, who sent his condition of his Jewish brethren. He was foremost in every work of public utility until his retirement from active life, while to-day his generosity and his interest in events all over the world are as great as ever. Americans will not forget that it was Sir belevance and the public bodies of the laghest in Virginia, and the health of his Jewish brethren. He was foremost in every work of public utility until his retirement from active life, while to-day his generosity and his interest in events all over the world are as great as ever. Americans will not forget that it was Sir believed and provided and provided

sional pine, and at rare intervals the light gray foliage of the cucumber-tree, make up a forest scene of wonderful beauty. Scarcely are we within the woods when, looking aloft, we see through the leaty green of tree tops the white spray of the "Galvin" cataract, named in compliment to our guide, and 150 feet high. This is a clear, bold fall, and rather larger in volume and force than any of the others. The effects of the sunlight and shadow upon the fall and the forest are exceedingly graceful and picturesque, and from the beginning of the ascent all the way to the top the scene changes and shifts like a fairy panorama. Above the Galvin cataract we find a rapid succession of ever-varying and fanciful combinations of cascade, fall and masses of rock heaved in wild confusion. At "Diana's Bath," a point half way up, the action of the waters for ages has worn a cavity in the rock closely resembling, in outline, that modern improvement of which Diana died in happy ignorance—the ordinary bath-tub of the city plumber. Near by is a curious natural bridge of boulders, completely hiding the stream, under which Confederate conscripts during the war found refuge.

An hour or more of hard work and steady climbing brings us to the base of the "Grand Cataract," the first leap of the entire series, a clear fall of over five hundred feet. It was the Grand Cataract, which we had seen from the road far below, and looking upward from its base, the sight was like a sheet of foam falling out of a clear sky. The water, pure as crystal, is not projected with sufficient force to send it clear of the rock, and so it falls over its face, vailing the rugged front of the mountain as with a fleece. Standing at its base and looking upward, the spectator does not realize its immense height, but comparison of the lofty trees which tower into the heavens without approaching half the height of the falls demonstrates the fact. At the very top and crown of the fall, the configuration of the rock gives the current a sharp diagonal set



MASSACHUSETTS. - HON. GEORGE D. ROBINSON, GOVERNOR-ELECT. FROM A PHOTO. BY J. NOTMAN.

necessary to justify the investment. Messrs. Rittenhouse and Galvin contemplate at an early day extensive improvements of the facilities for reaching and seeing the fails of the Crabitree, and perhaps a permanent Summer hotel at the summit of Pinnacle Mountain. The simple truth is, that the Shenandoah Valley Rallroad is making a new country of the whole magnificent stretch irom the Fotomac to the southern line of Virginia. Its vast resources of timber, iron, and other ore, of grain and stock, assure it a steady and constantly gaining freight traffic, while the caverns of Lursy, the bright particular stars in the galaxy of attractions for lovers of the leauties and wonders of nature, not surpassed by those of any other road on the continent,

### HON. ROBERT M. McLANE, GOVERNOR-ELECT OF MARYLAND.

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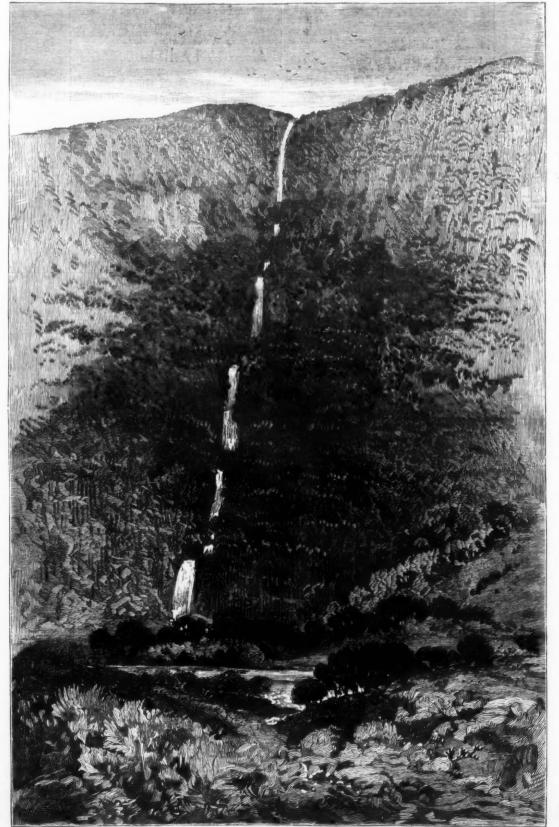
Hon. Robert M. McLane, who has just been elected Governor of Maryland, was born at Wilmington, Del., June 23d, 1815. He entered St. Mary's College in 1827, and the College Bourbon in Paris in 1829, and upon completing his education was appointed in 1833 a cade at West Point, where he graduated in July, 1837, and was commissioned second lieutenant of artillery. He served with his regiment during the Fiorida wars of 1837-38, being in the latter year transferred to the Corps of Topographical Engineers, then newly organized. He served in this corps until he resigned in 1843. Having studied law, he was admitted to the Bar and removed to Baltimore, where he commenced and has since pursued the practice of his profession. In 1845 he was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and subsequently was a member of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses. In 1852 he was a Presidential elector on the Democratic ticket, and in the following year was appointed Commissioner to China with the powers of a Minister Flenipotentiary, and at the same time accredited to Japan, Slam, Corea and Cochin China. In 1859 he was appointed United States Minister to Mexico, and returning thence to his home, was again called into political life, being in 1876 elected to the State Senate of Maryland. Subsequently he was elected to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses as a Democrat, and has now been chosen Governor by a majority of some 10,000. Mr. McLane is a gentleman of high ability, and while in Congress has been conspicuous in all debates on constitutional questions and as the champion of the extreme Democratic doctrine of State rights.



MARYLAND, -- HON, ROBERT M. M'LANE, GOVERNOR-ELECT. FROM A PHOTO, BY BENDANN.

# which adds much to its picturesque beauty. Midway, a ledge of a few feet wide arrests the fall and throws it boldly forward in a straight line again adown a sheer and glistening precipice of more than two hundred feet. At the base of the Grand Cataract daisles bloom, and the waters are quite shallow. Pushing upward from the resting-place at the foot of the Grand Cataract, along the steepest and most rugged portion of the mountain, we gain the summit, and a wide and noble panorama. We are on the crown of one of the highest peaks of the Blue Ridge, 4,500 feet above the sealevel and 3,000 feet above the sealevel and 3,000 feet above the sealevel and 3,000 feet above the random of the work of the first our horses an hour or more before. Far in the distance before us, and on either, where we left our horses an hour or more before. Far in the distance before us, and on either, where we left our horses and the saving against the blue of heaven a surging mass of foliage. Near at hand the mountains are crowned with emerald, and through a distance the shades lighten till in the far east the peaks and the sky seem to mingle in the clear blue atmosphere. Dotting the mountain-sides in every direction are cleared fields in which corn, wheat and tobacco are raised, the clearings sometimes extending to the very summits, while scattered here and there in all directions, nestling in the intervals and pockets of the ranges, are the log cabins of the mountainners. Safe in these fortresses and upon a kindly and generous soil, with a genial and salubrious climate, the natives live from one generation to another an easy, thrittless and contented life. No one who sees the view from the head of the Crabiree Falls or Pinnacle Mountain, no matter what his travels or experience in this or any other country have been or may be, will ever be able to forget its matchless charm, repose and serenity. The fountain-head of Crabiree Creek is a bubbling spring under a spreading locust, and near by is a massive house of logs built in 1812 by Colone

plorers visited the falls, but until less than a year ago nothing was done to bring them to public notice. The mountaineers dwelling in their immediate vicinity, with true native indolence, never visited them, and even the new development in interest in this great natural curiosity appears to produce no change in the never-varying tenor of their ways. To the managers of the Shenandoah Valley Raliroad the Crabtree Falls belong as a logical sequence of the construction of their road through the upper Shenandoah Valley, and to Messrs. Rittenhouse and Galvin, two enterprising lumbermen from the North, they belong in fee simple and by right of ownership. But a few months since they bought the entire tract upon which the Falls are situated and all the mountain-side for a long distance in either direction, three thousand acres in all, for \$2,700. When it is considered that the entire tract is densely wooded with the finest hard-wood timber, and that on many acres are single trees whose bark is alone worth more than the price paid for the acre, it will readily be seen that a large revenue from the Falls will not be



VIRGINIA. - THE WONDERFUL CRAB-TREE FALLS, ON PINNACLE MOUNTAIN, FROM A SKETCH BY A STAFF ARTIST.

HON, GEO. D. ROBINSON, GOVERNOR-ELECT

OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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as it is a Democratic stronghold, and their chagrin was unmistakable when they found that Butler had only gained about 100 over lust year. Finally, along came the news that his majority had been reduced in other Democratic towns. He arose, and in a voice which betokened suppressed emotion, said: "Well, then, Butler is beaten"; and leaving his friends, he quietly strolled out of doors and walked about the grounds for a few minutes. When he returned he was calm, and was to the casual observer unaffected by the news of his defeat.

# GERMANIZING ALSACE.

THE Germanization of Alsace proceeds painfully. It is not many months since great commotion was caused by an order that all discussions in the municipal councils should be conducted in German . I and now there is renewed indignation fit an attempt to banish French from the schools. Bitheric four hours ner week Hitherto four hours per week have been devoted in the public

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schools to the teaching of French; this amou to finstruction in that language has now been reduced by one-half. The newspapers are of course in arms. The design of the conquerors, they say, is to render French a dead language in Alsace; and there does seem to be reason in the complaint that the geographical situation of Alsace Lorraine makes French as necessary a language as German. The Journal of Alsace recommends that parents should themselves teach "their patrimonial language" to their children, and that German should not be used in the Iamily.

#### Gold and Silver.

THE production of precious metals in the United States during the fiscal year was \$-2,000,000 gold and nearly \$49,000,000 silver. In the arts and manufactures were used \$12,000,000 gold and \$6,500,000 silver. The total coinage was \$35,936,927 gold and \$28,835,470 silver, of which \$28,111,119 was in standard silver dollars. Of the latter, less than standard silver dollars. Of the latter, less than one third were coined at the Western mints "on account of the slight demand for silver dollars in the Pacific States and of the large amount—over forty millions—held in the mint and the assistant treasurer's office at San Francisco." The total coin circulation of the United States is estimated, July 1st, 1883, at \$765,000,000—\$537,000,000 gold, \$228,000,000 silver; October 1st, 1883, at \$544,512,699 gold, and \$235,291,323 silver. The paper and specie circulation of thirty-eight countries of the world is put down as follows: Paper, \$3,832,920,903; gold, \$3,333,433,000; silver, \$2,712,226,003.

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This popular manual will be a boon to many families, and to students who have not access to extended cyclopædias and blographical dictionaries. In brief compass, and at moderate price, it gives a manual that, for ordinary occasions, will give some idea of the characters whose names occur in books or conversation. As it is a record of personages of our own time, it is all the more useful. Care seems to have been taken to make it accurate in names and dates. The volume is well and clearly printed, and is rendered attractive by a number of portraits on steel. Even for those possessing more extended works, this little dictionary for contemporaneous personages will at times prove useful.

## FUN.

In some cases when a judge lays down the law he takes up his own opinion in place of it.

The rolling stone gathers no moss, neither will the aged colored man unless well paid for it.

A Frenchman is teaching a donkey to talk. What we want in this country is a man who will teach donkeys not to talk.

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A young society man, whose mind was running on another subject, acknowledged an evening invita-tion as follows: "Your kind invitation for Thurs-day evening is accepted with regret." And then he lay awake all Thursday night wondering why his hostess treated him so coldly.

"This example isn't right," said a Detroit school-boy to his teacher, as he exhibited his arithmetic. "How so?" "Why, it figures the interest on \$300 at six per cent." "Well, isn't that all right? "No, ma'am. Pa always figures on thirteen per cent., and if there are twenty-four days over he calls it a month. I guess this is a misprint."

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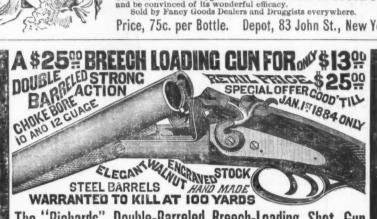
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